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KEEPING HIS MEMORY ALIVE

New playground honors man

The Boys and Girls Club of Lake County welcomed a new playground at its Waukegan facility on the Holy Family Parish property. Volunteers from Six Flags helped build the playground and also took the time to remember an employee who died in 2002.

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Fish fry Fridays through Oct. 26

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A play that digs deep Through Oct. 6

"Buried Child" will be performed at Schornick Theatre in Waukegan. Info: 847-360-4740

Patches of fall This weekend

A quilt show will be at the Lake County Fairgrounds in Grayslake. Info: 847-223-2204

Festival fun This weekend

Come to the Volo Auto Museum and Volo Antique Malls for a Festival In The Park. Info: 815-344-6062

Talking guitar Saturday

Peter Frampton will perform at Genesee Theatre in Waukegan. Info: 847-782-2366

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Fun time at the old farm

Forest preserves prepares for Bonner Farm County Fair

By HELEN MANSFIELD
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LINDENHURST — Indian Summer just wouldn't be the same without pumpkins, scarecrows and hay rides. If you're in need on an autumnal fix, the Lake County Forest Preserves has an event coming up next Sunday that is tailored for the family.

From noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 7, Bonner Heritage Farm in Lindenhurst will host its fourth annual County Fair. Seleena Kuester, with museum education, said the event will feature a number of old-fashioned farm activities.

This is Kuester's first year with the forest preserves, and, she said, the County Fair is the only annual event at Bonner Farm — at least so far.

"We're hoping to have a spring event next year," she said.

The Bonner Farm property was settled in the 1850s by the William and James Bonner families. The brothers came from Scotland and built two farm houses on the site. Later, in 1861, James Bonner bought his own farm off of Route 45.

In 1995, William's great-grandson Howard "Shorty" Bonner donated eight acres of land, which still had a number of structures on it.

"There are some buildings there from the 1850s to 1950," Kuester said.

The building with the most history is the main barn. The original oak-and-hickory structure was built in 1848, and measures 40-by-44 feet. Back in the day, it housed just five cows.

According to the Forest Preserves Web site, this portion of the main barn is among the oldest, if not the oldest, surviving intact great barns in Lake County.

The farm also includes a pump house, chicken coop, smoke house, storage shed, and a 19th-century outhouse.

Kuester said there are plans to fix up many of the buildings, so for now, the buildings remain closed.

Andrew Osborne, visitor services manager, said there is a three-



Pictured is Bonner Heritage Farm in Lindenhurst, which was settled in the 1850s by the William and James Bonner families. An old-fashioned County Fair will take place from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 7 at the farm.

Bonner Farm County Fair

Where: Bonner Farm, Country Place, off of Sand Lake Road, just west of Route 45, in Lindenhurst

When: From noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 7

For more information: Call 847-968-3400.

phase plan for the Bonner Farm property. Phase One and Phase Two have been completed, which provided public access to the area and stabilized the structures.

He said the forest preserves was recently awarded a \$45,000 grant from the Institute of Museums and Library Services, which will help with Phase Three — designing and installing exhibits for inside the buildings.

"That is not an inexpensive prospect," Osborne said.

The forest preserves doesn't have

a cost estimate yet for the work, but, Osborne said, there will be fundraisers in the future.

He encourages residents to come out Sunday.

"Since we don't have staff at Bonner Farm, this is the best opportunity for people to come out and see it and ask questions," he said.

Kuester said there will be scarecrow-making, a petting zoo, pony rides, and old-fashioned games such as still-walking, relay races, and "hoop and stick." Music will be provided by folk musician Jim Kanas.

There will be food for sale such as funnel cakes and hot dogs.

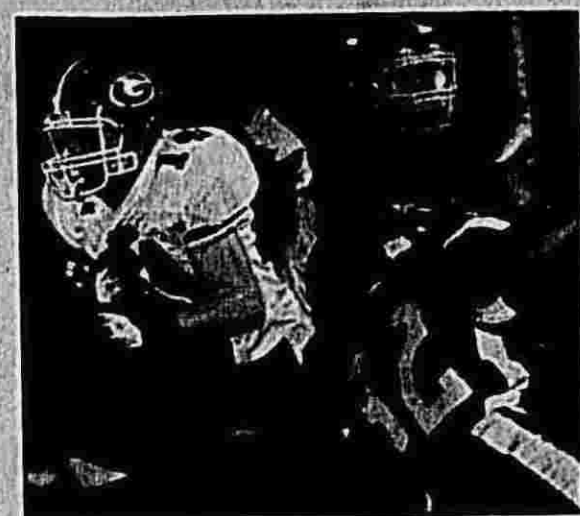
Admission to the Bonner Farm Country Fair is \$3 a person. Children 3 years old and younger are free.

The parking area to Bonner Heritage Farm is on Country Place, off of Sand Lake Road, just west of Route 45 in Lindenhurst. For more information, call 847-968-3400.



Lake County Forest Preserves will host an old-fashioned County Fair on Oct. 7.

SPORTS



>> PrepSports

Battle of the undefeated

Area undefeated Juggernauts Grant and Wauconda met on the football field to decide just who's the best last week. Check out who won. PAGE 7B

Ground not enough

Despite 261 yards from senior running back Ray Bryant, Round Lake falls to Vernon Hills. PAGE 7B

>> Can'tMiss

Cross Country

Antioch Invitational, 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 29

Girls Volleyball

Round Lake at Grant, 6:15 p.m., Tuesday, Oct 2

>> Sidelines

Sports editor Daniel J. Patrick can't quite get his mind off of the ground-breaking video game Halo 3. But that doesn't keep him from trying to relate it to this week's football action. PAGE 7B

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>> OnTheCover

Football season is in full swing, and Saddle Ridge Bar and Grill Banquets in Waukegan is a perfect place to celebrate. PAGE 1B

>> ElementsOfTheRidiculous



Columnist Jana Thompson tells why she is happy to say goodbye to summer and welcome fall with open arms. PAGE 6B

WEB POLL

This week's question

Should Iran President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad have been allowed to speak in New York Sept. 24?

A) Yes, it demonstrates the freedom of speech that makes this country great.

B) No, he should not be allowed to convey his ideas in such a forum.

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Last week's question

What concerns you most?

• The state making a decision on two hospital proposals for western Lake County. (57 percent)

• An Olympic equestrian site built on forest preserve land. (17 percent)

• Cubs in the playoffs. (17 percent)

• Closing Winchester House to build a new one. (2 percent)

IN MOTION

People gather in Waukegan to celebrate the Hispanic Heritage Festival, Round Lake

hosts a fall fair, local kids check out big rigs at a truck show and local athletes suit up and take the field. Check out photos in our Week in Photos at LakeCountyJournals.com by clicking on the multimedia link.



WEEKEND OUTLOOK

FRIDAY, SEPT. 28

HIGH: 69
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SATURDAY, SEPT. 29

HIGH: 73
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>> QuoteOfTheWeek

"Their faces lit up like it was Christmas."

—Chris Finkel, executive director of the Boys and Girls Club of Lake County, on the kids seeing the completed playground at the club's Waukegan location. (see story on 3A)

>> Editor'sChoice

The results are in for the Lake County Journals

It's been a good week for the Lake County Journals.

We were recently informed by the Illinois Press Association that we earned three first-place honors among the 23 total awards we received in this year's statewide news and editorial contest.

In competition with the largest non-daily papers in Illinois, the Journals also earned second place for General Excellence for the second year in a row. We also tied for second place in the sweepstakes competition, which is based on points awarded for each winning entry.

The three first place awards the Journals received were in the following categories.

— Best Web Project, for a staff-developed series on Lake County's



**Matt
Pera**

homeless that featured stories, photos, and video. "Excellent collection of mini-projects resulting in a complex whole," is what judges said of the project.

— Best Spot News Photo, Chris Padgett. "Great moment," the judges wrote of Padgett's photo that depicted the scene of a house fire.

— Best Photo Series, Sandy Bressner. "Hands down best package," is how the judges described

Sandy's photos from the Lake County Fair.

As further homage to just how great our photographers were this past year, our photo staff won a whopping nine awards.

Padgett also had second-place awards in the categories of Illustration and Spot News, a third for Feature Photo, and both third and honorable mention for Sports Photo.

Photographer Annie Christle won second for Spot News and honorable mention for Feature Photo.

The Journals staff won second-place honors for Newspaper Design and third-place awards for Sports Section, Lifestyles Section, and Editorial Page.

Larry Lough won a second-place

award for Local Editorial. "Public interest writing at its best," the judges said of the winning entry.

Two special sections also were honored: our high school football preview took third place, and our annual ForeFronts section won honorable mention.

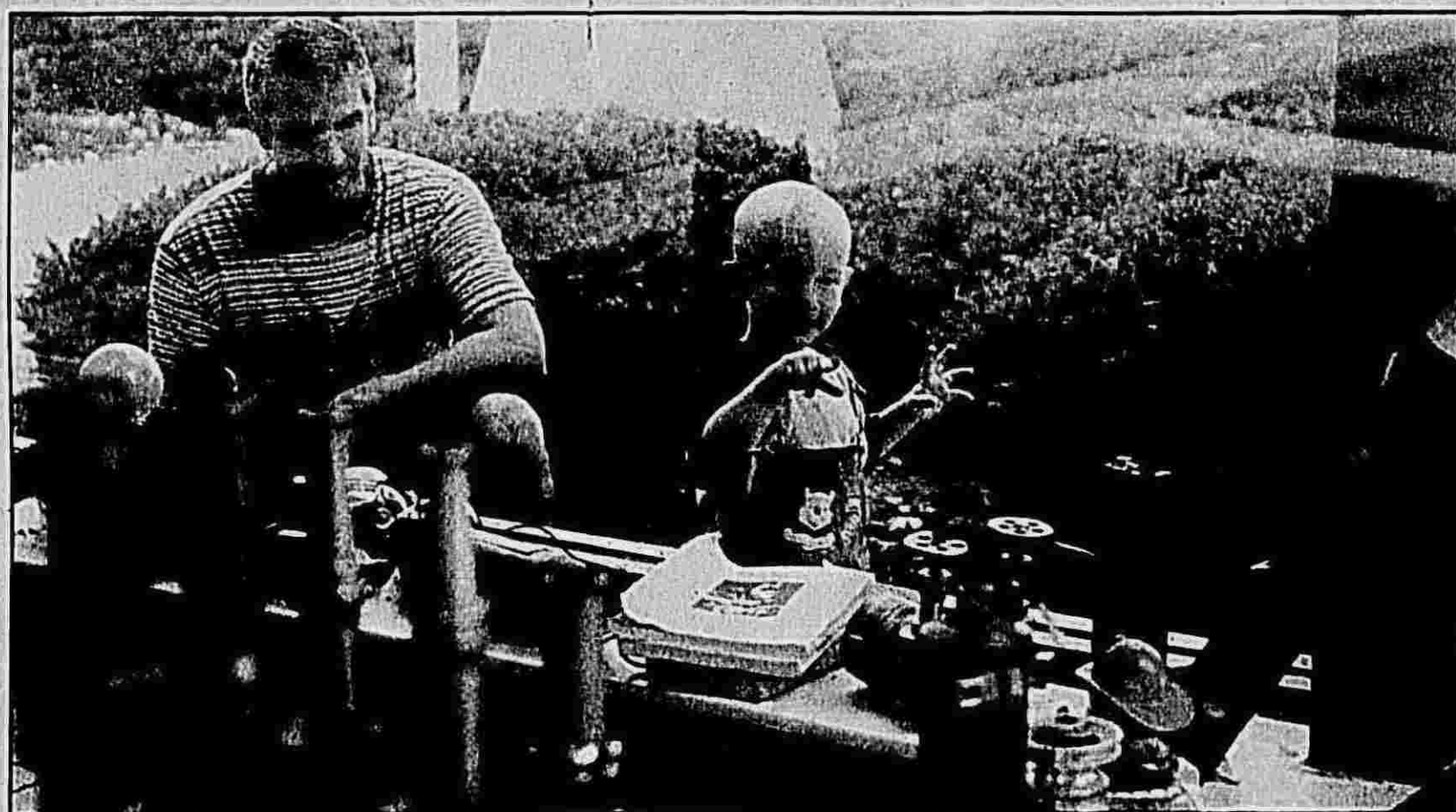
Editorial cartoonist Thomas Beck also won a third-place award.

We're very excited about these honors and are dedicated to the continued excellence of every aspect of our paper. Let us know what you think by e-mailing me at mpera@nwnewsgroup.com.

Thanks for reading the Journals, in print and online.

• Matt Pera is the news editor for the Lake County Journals.

Take a peek



Benjamin Georgia, 2, of Antioch, points at the old-fashion fire equipment on display at the Antioch Fire Department. Also pictured is Phil Georgia.

>> CorrectionsAnd Clarifications

• An article titled "Autumn activities are in the air" in the Sept. 21-27 edition of the Lake County Journals incorrectly implied that an Oktoberfest at Lehman Mansion was open to the public. The event was open to members of the local business community only. We regret the error.

Accuracy is important to us at the Lake County Journals and we strive to correct mistakes promptly. If you believe a factual error has been published, please bring it to our attention.

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Her earache doesn't know it's Sunday.



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>> Waukegan

Local club enjoys new playground



Eleven-year-old Erinn Johnson, of Waukegan, swings from the bars at the newly-built playground at the Boys and Girls Club in Waukegan. The playground was built on Sept. 20 by hundreds of community members with support from local and national business.

Former employee of Six Flags, Holy Parish parishioner remembered

By JESSICA JACOBSEN
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WAUKEGAN — The kids at the Boys and Girls Club of Lake County have a new place to play.

On Sept. 20, volunteers from the club, Home Depot, and Six Flags Great America in Gurnee gathered to build a playground for the Boys and Girls Club, at 450 Keller Ave., in Waukegan.

The playground, which is on shared space with Holy Family Parish, was designed for the kids at the Boys and Girls Club, but is open to the public, said Chris Finkel, executive director for the club.

"It's really an amazing site," he said.

Construction for the \$40,000 playground began and ended Sept. 20. And even though the kids at the Boys and Girls Club couldn't play on the equipment that day, they still showed their excitement.

"Their faces were lit up like it was

Christmas," Finkel said.

Although the playground was built for the kids at the Boys and Girls Club, a former Six Flags employee and Holy Family parishioner was remembered that day.

Three benches and a plaque were dedicated to Ronn Villanueva, who died in 2002. Villanueva was the foods service manager at Six Flags before he died.

The day of the dedication, many Six Flags employees were there to remember Villanueva, including Hadeep Lall, who filled Villanueva's position when he died.

"He was a good friend, a good leader and had the qualities that a good leader should have," Lall said.

Lall came to the United States from India in the 1980s and began working at Six Flags in foods service. At the time, he knew very little English. But working with Villanueva changed that.

"He welcomed the opportunity to teach me," Lall said. "Not just teach me

how to work ... but how to speak English."

Villanueva was 35 years old when he died five years ago.

"The year he passed away was a big loss for us," Lall said.

Dedicating the benches to Villanueva was something that came up in a casual conversation, said Brooke Gabbert, Six Flags public relations manager.

"One of our employees said it would be really neat to keep Ronn's memory alive," Gabbert said.

The playground is part of an effort by KaBoom!, a nonprofit organization that is trying to build 1,000 playgrounds in 1,000 days nationwide. Gabbert said the one at the Boys and Girls Club was No. 750.

And after it was all said and done, the kids got their playground, and Six Flags and Holy Family were able to honor and remember Villanueva.

"We honored such a great person," Lall said.

>> OurTown



Helen
Mansfield

Save a slice of history

The Lake Villa District Library, Lake Villa Community Bank and the Lake Villa Historical Society are teaming up to save bits of community history. Since 2006, the library has been storing copies of Lake Villa Record newspapers, which otherwise would have been destroyed, dating from 1959 to 1989.

Newspapers do not age well. In order to save these documents, they need to be converted to microfilm, which can be stored for as long as 500 years.

Here's how you can help:

1) Bring your spare change to the Lake Villa Community Bank, 345 S. Milwaukee Ave., Lake Villa;
2) Count it for free using the Coin King counting machine;

3) Take your receipt to a teller to deposit that money into the fund-raise account set up by the Lake Villa Historical Society.

For more information, call the historical society at 847-265-8266.

The public can visit a free Stress Relief Workshop at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 2. Dr. Pamela Norley, of Acupuncture & Chiropractic in Lake Villa, will discuss how stress affects the body.

At the end of this workshop, Norley will demonstrate the home-care treatment program called Trigger Point Therapy.

The program is interactive, and you and a guest will learn how to treat each other at home. And don't worry about dinner, because pizza will be served after the workshop. Please R.S.V.P. by Oct. 1.

For more information, call 847-265-2225.

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>> Lindenhurst

Lindenhurst discusses water woes

Villages could hook onto Lake Michigan

By HELEN MANSFIELD
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LINDENHURST — A group of villages that don't get water from Lake Michigan, could soon have the opportunity to do so, if they join together.

John Callan, office manager of Applied Technologies in Oak Brook, gave a pitch to the Lindenhurst Village Board Sept. 24, explaining that now might be the time to end the village's dependence on well water.

Callan will make the rounds during the next few weeks, talking to the Village Boards of Antioch, Lake Villa, Old Mill Creek, Fox Lake and Wauconda, to see whether the boards would like create an intergovernmental cooperative, along with Lindenhurst, to get Lake Michigan water.

"Virtually all these communities are experiencing continuing growth," Callan said.

"If you opt out, you'll never get a chance to opt in."

Suzi Schmidt

Lake County Board chairwoman and Lake Villa resident on Lake Michigan water proposal

He said the well supply of each of the six villages might not be able to keep up with growth.

Callan gave a detailed presentation, taking into account current population and water usage, about projections as far as 2030. He thinks Lindenhurst's population will increase from roughly 14,000 residents, to 20,000.

Though Wauconda would be the farthest community south, Callan said, roughly 45 miles of pipe would need to be used with or without Wauconda.

"Is it cost effective [adding Wauconda]?" Callan asked hypothetically. "Yes, because they would be the second largest user [next to Antioch]."

Once the project is complete, Callan said, each community would be responsible for getting the Lake Michigan water to its residents.

Suzi Schmidt, chairwoman of the Lake County Board and a Lake Villa resident, said Lake County would add Grandwood Park and Fox Lake Hills to the list of communities, because the county is responsible for providing those areas with well water.

Both Callan and Schmidt said other communities have expressed an interest in joining the water group.

"If you opt out, you'll never get a chance to opt in," Schmidt said.

The entire project will cost a little more than \$175 million, which could take six to seven years to complete, Callan said.

Once each village has heard Callan's presentation, the villages will meet and discuss its concerns.

So far, Callan said the villages' response has been favorable.

Schmidt said the Lake County Public Water District, in Zion, is interested in helping getting these villages hooked up to Lake Michigan, and "there are not that many places you can get intake," she added.

>> LocalDigest

Get a taste of German culture

The German-American Club of Antioch presents its Annual Oktoberfest on Saturday, Oct. 6, at the German-American Cultural Center, on Route 132, one mile west of Route 83. Doors open at 6 p.m. Music from the 20-man band, Die Freistadt Alte Kameraden Band from Wisconsin, will begin at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$10, and food and drinks will be available for an additional price. Join in for an "Evening of Gemütlichkeit." Items will be raffled throughout the evening. For ticket information, call Dorothy Jordahl at 847-356-5484.

Have a haunting good time

The Haunted Trail and Bonfire will take place Saturday, Oct. 20, at Forest View Park.

The costume contest starts at 3:30 p.m. for age groups 3-5, 6-8, and 9-11.

Patrons will get to walk along a winding wooded path in the dark lit only by luminaries. There they must be on the on the look because they might encounter some ghostly characters, the tunnel of terror, a campsite of murdered campers, a guy with a chain saw, or maybe a dead pirate. The Haunted Trail is open from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is a \$1 donation for each person. For those less brave the event also features wagon rides through McDonald Woods for only \$1 or 1 canned food item a person from 3 to 6 p.m.,

At dusk the Lake Villa Volunteer Fire Department will start the bonfire and apple cider will be served. In case of unsafe weather, (heavy rain/lightning) the festivities will take place at the Lindenhurst Park District Community Center, starting at 5 p.m.

Fulfilling music



Candace H. Johnson - wjnews@nwnewsgroup.com

Alice Lu (center), 17, plays "Copland's Finale" on the clarinet next to Rebecca Adamczyk with the Marching Blue Devils during "Fill the Drum" at Warren Township High School. Bands from Woodland and Viking also played at the event. The proceeds went to the American Cancer Society.

>> Antioch

Trustee 'holds' his liquor

State commission approves trustee's liquor license

By HELEN MANSFIELD
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ANTIOCH — The Illinois Liquor Control Commission ruled last week that Antioch Village Board Trustee Robert McCarty can have a liquor license and keep his seat on the Village Board.

McCarty's attorney, Wayne Giampietro, was notified by the State of Illinois Liquor Control Commission that the trustee can have a liquor license and be a shareholder of an establishment that sells liquor (Double Eagle in Antioch) without affecting his position on the Village Board.

The LCC overturned the village's previous ruling, which revoked the liquor license of Double Eagle. A village ordinance stated that a trustee may

not have a liquor license, which the LCC found unenforceable.

According to state statute, a trustee of a village, town, municipality, or community with a population of less than 50,000 can have a liquor license. The LCC recommended that the village of Antioch update its ordinance to mirror state statute.

"I'm very happy it's over," McCarty said.

McCarty and his wife, Dawn, along with Vincent and Arlene Tomasello, plan to opening a second Antioch restaurant, Elements Fine Dining and Banquets, in 2008.

"I knew from the beginning it would end this way," McCarty said. "My fellow board members wanted to take it to a higher power."

>> Births

Lucas Alexander May, a son, was born June 26 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to David and Dawn May of Lindenhurst.

His brothers are Brandon, 18; Aaron, 17; Cameron, 7; and Joshua, 3. Grandparents are Paul and Doris Levesque of Escanaba, Mich. and Dr. Edward and Caryl May of Grayslake.

Annabelle Marie Makinen, a daughter, was born June 26 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to Sara and Joshua Makinen of Trevor, Wis.

Grandparents are Robert and Sue Makinen of West Salem, Wis. and Robert and Rachel Schmidt of Benton Harbor, Mich. Great-grandparent is Ginette Rickert of Olympia, Wash.

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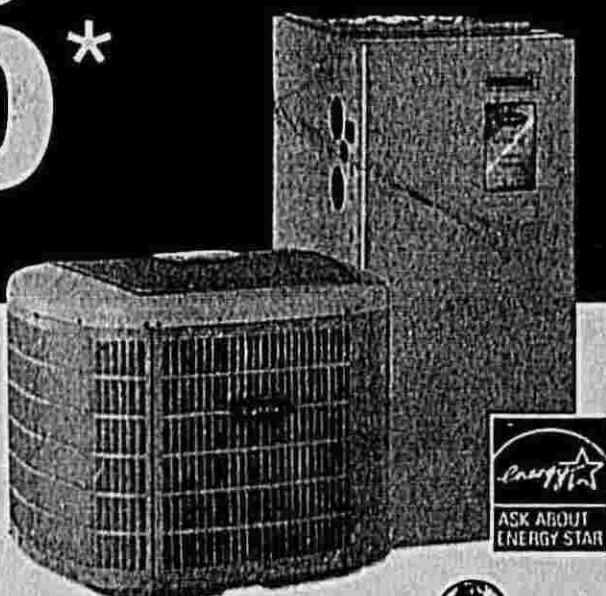
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ANTIOCH

• **Antioch Garden Club meeting.** 7 p.m., Monday, Oct. 1. United Methodist Church, 848 Main St. Chef Michael Lavin will present a program on simple elegance, using fresh, natural and local foods. For more information, call Carolyn Yoakem at 847-395-5750.

• **Antique Appraisal Affair.** 2-5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 7. Lakes Region Historical Society Meeting House, 977 Main St. Cost of \$12 for Antioch Library Friends members, \$16 for nonmembers, includes appraisal of one item. Reservations required. To register, visit the upstairs reference desk at the Antioch Public Library. For more information, call Amy Blue at 847-395-0874.

BEACH PARK/ZION

• **13th Annual Spaghetti Dinner.** 4:30-7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 28. Our Lady of Humility Parish Center, 10655 Wadsworth Road. Fundraiser for Boy Scout Troop 66. Advance tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors and children ages 4-12; add \$1 for at the door tickets. Tickets are available from any troop member or the Church Rectory by calling 847-872-8778.

GRAYSLAKE

• **Michael Sullivan Band concert.** 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 4. College of Lake County, 19351 W. Washington St. Free admission. For more information, call 818-448-6149 or visit www.mikesullivanband.com/college.html.

• **"Star Wars"/"Star Trek" fan lecture.** Noon-2 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 4. College of Lake

County, C Wing Auditorium, 19351 W. Washington St. Dan Madsen will speak about the future of the series and the documentary "The Force Among Us." For more information, call John Tenuto at 847-543-2537.

• **"The Little Prince."**

Saturday, Oct. 6, 3 and 7 p.m.; Sunday, Oct. 7, 2 p.m. College of Lake County, Mainstage Theater, James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts, 19351 W. Washington St. Tickets are \$6. Tickets are available at the CLC Box Office, by phone at 847-543-2300 or online at www.clcillinois.edu/tickets.

GURNEE

• **"Tax Free College Funding" seminar.** Thursday, Oct. 4, 5:30 p.m. registration; 6:30 p.m., workshop begins. Holiday Inn-Gurnee, 6161 W. Grand Ave. Sam McElroy of Bright Directions College Savings Program presents this free seminar. To RSVP, call Audrey Foster at 847-265-5542.

INGLESIDE

• **Grant Township Area Athletic Association meeting.** 7 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 30. Grant Township Hall, 26725 W. Molitor Road. For more information, call 847-587-7608 or visit www.eteamz.com/igttaa.

• **Volo Bog's Ghost Stories.** 7-9 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 13; registration deadline Sunday, Oct. 7. Volo Bog State Natural Area, 28478 W. Brandenburg Road. Sue Black and Don Falkos will tell tales for all ages. Donations of \$5 for adults and \$2 per child are requested. For reservations or more information,

call 815-344-1294.

LAKE VILLA

• **Oktoberfest.** 5 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 29. Picnic grounds, 259 W. Grand Ave. Entrance tickets are \$7. Phenix will perform. For more information, visit www.americanaidsoctoberfest.com.

• **Public meeting of Lake Villa Dist. 41.** 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 2. Prince of Peace, 135 S. Milwaukee Ave. Discussion of plans for providing special education services to students with disabilities who attend private and home schools. For more information, call Sue Payne at 847-245-8004.

• **Oktoberfest.** 6 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 6. German American Cultural Center, Rt. 132. Admission is \$10. Food and drink available. For ticket information, call Dorothy Jordahl at 847-356-5484.

• **12th Annual Pig Roast.** 4-7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 6. Antioch Township Hall, 1625 Deep Lake Road. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 6-15, and free for children 5 and under. Fundraiser for the Lake Villa United Methodist Church. For tickets, call 847-356-2661 or go to the church at 110 McKinley Ave.

• **Lake Villa Take Off Pounds Sensibly meeting.** 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays. Church of the Holy Family, 25291 W. Lehman. Call Cathy at 847-587-7710 or Debbie at 847-687-5531 for details.

WADSWORTH

• **Walk for Literacy fundraiser.** Saturday, Sept. 29; 8:30 a.m. registration. Van Patten Woods, Rt. 173 between Rt. 41 and Green Bay Road. All funds raised supports the Lake County Adult Learning

Connection. For more information, call 847-543-2327.

VOLO

• **6th Annual Fall Festival and**

Car Corral. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 29. Volo Auto Museum, 27640 W. Volo Village Road. Antique car show and sale.

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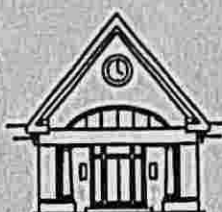
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GURNEE

DUI

Martin S. Radecki, 29, 5040 Arbor Lane, Winnetka, driving under the influence, Sept. 21.

Dorothy E. Behrens, 36, 2923 Concord Lane, Wadsworth, driving under the influence, driving without insurance, speeding, Sept. 22.

Retail theft

Tyler L. Roulds, 35, 721 Porter St., Waukegan, retail theft, Sept. 22.

Suspended license

Antoine J.M. Tenin, 21, 210 Wisconsin Ave., Waukegan, driving with a suspended license, Sept. 23.

Sandup S. Bhatti, 26, 1560 N. Lanchester, Libertyville, driving with a suspended license, driving without insurance, driving without a seat belt, Sept. 23.

Cyrus J. Perez, 23, 1034 Lakehurst Road, Waukegan, driving with a suspended license, Sept. 24.

Darnell S. Brown, 25, 2622 27th St., Zion, driving with a suspended license, driving without insurance, Sept. 25.

No valid license

Slobodan Pesovic, 21, 36147 N. Eagle Court, Ingleside, driving without a valid license, Sept. 24.

ANTIOCH

Possession

Christopher C. Larsen, 24, 1224 Main St., Antioch, possession of a controlled substance, Sept. 16.

No valid license

Chad W. Nichols, 30, 2422 Sampson, Waukegan, driving without a valid license, Sept. 19.

Harley W. Brooks, 22, 7404 41st St., Kenosha, Wis., driving without a valid license, Sept. 21.

Retail theft

Sheri R. Erickson, 35, 223 N. Memorial Drive, Wisconsin, retail theft, Sept. 20.

Tracy M. Rouse, 28, 223 N. Memorial Drive, Wisconsin, retail theft, Sept. 20.

DUI

Andre Chapp, 43, 40798 N. Route 59, Antioch, driving under the influence, Sept. 22.

Possession of marijuana

James M. Duwe, 18, 26610 Maple St., Antioch, driving under the influence, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, Sept. 23.

GRAYSLAKE

Possession of stolen property

Esmeralda Villarael, 28, 115 Glen St., Grayslake, forgery, possession of stolen property, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana, unlawful acquisition of controlled substance, Sept. 21.

DUI

John Fyock, 55, 1450 Knottingham St., Gurnee, driving under the influence, speeding, resisting a peace officer, Sept. 21.

WAUCONDA

DUI

Guillermo L. Landa, 40, 157 Marian Parkway, Crystal Lake, driving without a valid license, failure to yield, driving under the influence, driving with a suspended license, improper lane use, driving without proof of insurance, Sept. 19.

>> Antioch

Cardinal to bless new parish

LAKE COUNTY JOURNALS

ANTIOCH – The members of St. Raphael the Archangel will celebrate a blessing and dedication of its new parish and temporary church during the 6 p.m. Mass on Saturday, Sept. 29.

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., archbishop of Chicago, will officiate. A reception with Cardinal George will follow the celebration in the Church Hall, at 2101 E. Route 178,

in Antioch.

St. Raphael the Archangel is the first new Catholic parish established in the Archdiocese of Chicago in 10 years.

The parish territory includes parts of the cities of Antioch, Lake Villa, Gurnee, Wadsworth, Lindenhurst, all of Old Mill Creek, and along the Illinois-Wisconsin line.

For more information, call 847-395-3474, or check out the church's Web site at rectory@straphaelcatholic.org.

>> SchoolNotes

DISTRICT 117

Board meeting

The Oct. 4 Board of Education meeting is canceled. The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 18 in the library at Lakes Community High School, 1600 Eagle Way in Lake Villa.

Report cards available

The 2006-07 school and district report cards are now

available online at the District 117 Web site, www.d117.org.

For more information about the school and district report card, call Superintendent Jay Sabatino at 847-838-7170. The principals at Lakes and Antioch can be contacted as well.

Lakes principal Jim McKay can be reached at 847-838-7100 and Antioch principal Mike Nekritz can be reached at 847-395-1421.

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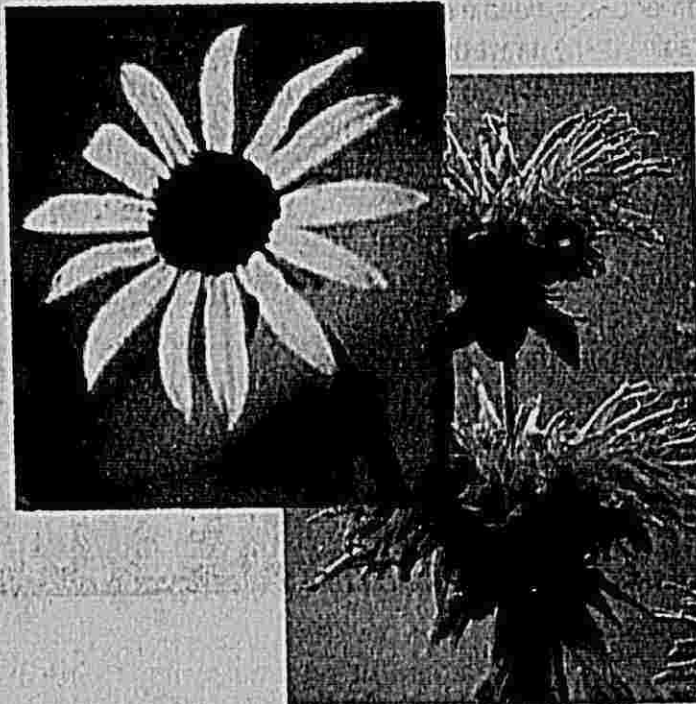
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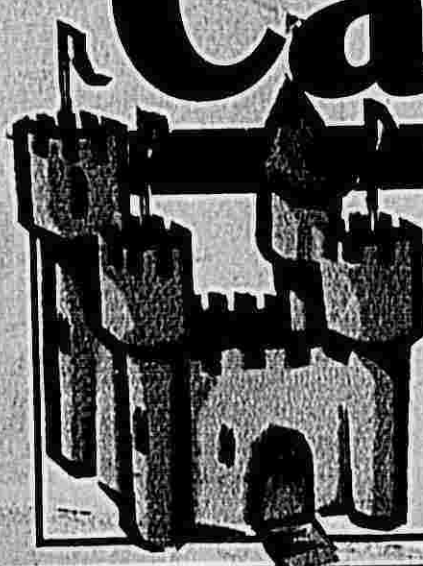
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>> LocalDeaths

Billy L. Rose, 78, Waukegan
John E. Lange, 80, Mundelein
Albert N. 'Al' Nelson, 78, Dawsonville, Ga.

Eola Ruth Burns, 82, Lake Villa
Charles 'Chuck' W. Worswick, 78, Antioch
Keith McMellen, 54, Round Lake

Milton C. Grudewicz, 61, Ingleside
Julius D. Georgeson, 68, Bloomer, Wis.
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>> InBrief

Condell's Blue Smock resale shop to close

The Blue Smock Shop in Libertyville will close its doors Oct. 6 after 35 years, said Condell Medical Center's President and CEO Dennis C. Millirons in a release. The Blue Smock Shop is at 111 Church St. in downtown Libertyville. Shoppers can expect to find discounted vintage clothing, jewelry, antiques, furniture, toys, household items, holiday decorations, and more. All proceeds from the farewell sale will benefit Condell Medical Center - a non-profit health care institution. Until Sept. 29, the shop will be open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and closed on Sundays. During the final week of the farewell sale - Oct. 1 to 5 - the shop will be opened from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. On the last day, Oct. 6, the shop will be open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

-Local reports

Dentist completes study

Dr. Brian Niadek, of Linden Family Dental Center, in Lindenhurst recently completed a Comprehensive Aesthetic Reconstruction, offered by the Las Vegas Institute for Advanced Dental Studies.

The six day, live-patient treatment program focused on teaching dentists to provide advanced dental care to their patients through occlusal training and application of their restorative skills.

Gniadek completed the program under Dr. William Dickerson, founder and CEO of LVI Global.

For more information, call Gniadek of Linden Family Dental Center, 2056 E. Grand Ave., in Lindenhurst, at 847-265-9070.

-Local reports

Eighth rabid bat found in Lake County

The Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center continues to urge Lake County residents to avoid contact with bats. Late summer is the time when bats are traditionally the most active. Another bat, found Sept. 14 in Highland Park, tested positive for rabies. There was no human contact with the bat.

This is the eighth bat that has tested positive for rabies in Lake County this year.

Most commonly, people get rabies from the bite of a rabid animal. In other cases, people can contract rabies if any infectious material from a rabid animal such as saliva comes in contact with one's nose, mouth, an open wound or gets directly into the eyes.

Any wild mammal such as a raccoon, skunk, fox, coyote or bat, can have rabies and transmit it to humans or other animals.

-Local reports

Republican hopeful takes a stand

Candidate criticizes Durbin's immigration task

By HELEN MANSFIELD
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WAUKEGAN - About 30 Republican politicians from around Lake County showed up last week to support a man they hope will take down longtime U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill.

Dr. Steven Sauerberg, of Western Springs, addressed a crowd of people Sept. 19 outside of Waukegan City Hall. He spent much of his time criticizing Durbin's stand on immigration during the announcement.

"... instead of working to find solutions, career politician Dick Durbin has turned his back on the taxpayers, families and seniors of Illinois, and has instead rolled out the welcome mat for illegal immigrants," Sauerberg said.

Sauerberg called Durbin a liberal who "doesn't represent our Illinois values."

He added that "the overwhelming majority of Americans and Illinoisans have made it clear that they want the government to secure the nation's borders."

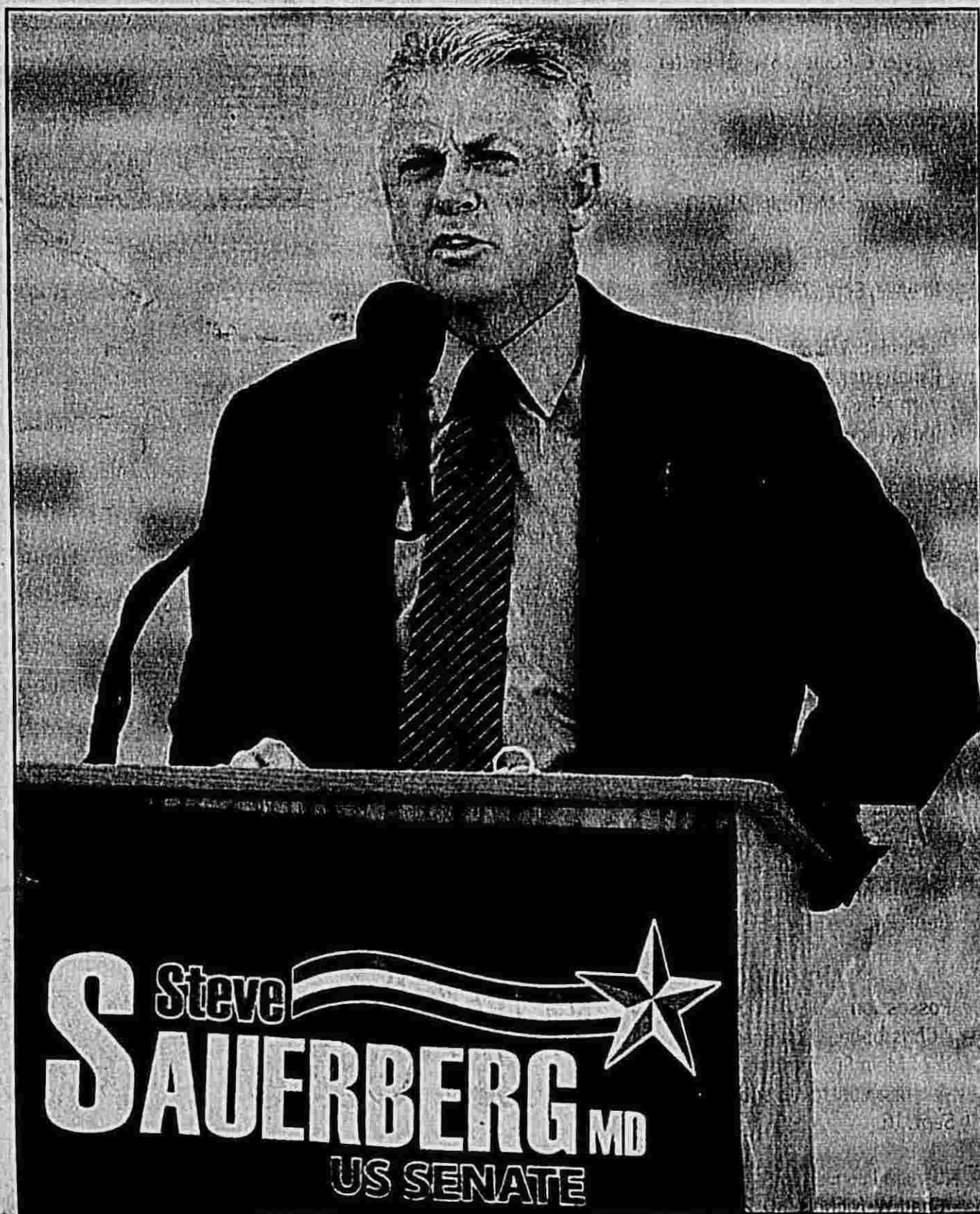
Along with border security, Sauerberg said, he would fight to "oppose any effort to provide amnesty or incentives to illegals" and "to immediately deport illegal immigrants upon completion of serving prison time for breaking our laws."

Christina Angarola, a spokesperson for Durbin, said it's important to note that Sauerberg is one of several candidates competing in the Republican primary.

She added that Sauerberg is not accurately representing Durbin's stance on the immigration issue.

"[Durbin] believes our nation needs immigration reform," Angarola said. "He is in favor of a comprehensive approach that would strengthen border security, improve enforcement in the workplace, and require the approximately 12 million undocumented immigrants who are in the U.S. today to pay fines, back taxes, and learn English before beginning the immigration process. He does not support amnesty."

"We'll look forward to seeing who [the Republican] nominee will be next February."



Republican Steve Sauerberg announces his plan to run against U.S. Senator Dick Durbin, D-Ill., in November 2008. Sauerberg made the announcement at a press conference Sept. 19 at Waukegan's Downtown Plaza.

>> Grayslake

College gets an international twist

Film series comes to College of Lake County

By YADIRA SANCHEZ OLSON
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GRAYSLAKE - The annual International Film Series at the College of Lake County began Aug. 31 with the film "Mardi Gras: Made in China."

The rest of the series, which consist of four international films and five independent films, will be screened every Friday at 7 p.m. in room A162 at the Grayslake campus, and are free to the public.

Patrick Gonder, CLC film professor and director of the film series, researched films and chose the four international films based on the reviews the films have gotten.

Nat Dykeman, Lake County Film Festival Director chose the five independent films.

"I picked the films that I didn't think would be shown in the festi-

val," Dykeman said.

Next year the fourth annual Lake County Film Festival will be hosted by the college for the first time.

The Early Shorts were shown on Sept. 14, which represent some 400 independent films that were submitted to the Lake County Film Festival.

Filmmaker David Redman answered audience's questions at the end of the screening of his film "Mardi Gras: Made in China," which documents and follows the manufacturing of Mardi Gras beads at Chinese sweatshops all the way to event.

Gonder said he is excited about the participation of the college with the Lake County Film Festival.

"CLC has really been kind of a focus for community events like these," Gonder said. "There's an assumption that the film series is only for high art, but it isn't true."

Now playing at CLC

Unless noted, all movies will be screened in Building A, Room 162.

"Moolaade" will be screened Sept. 28. It examines one woman's story of struggle to offer protection from the tradition of female genital mutilation.

"Cake: A Wedding Story" will screen Oct. 5. A film about two star-crossed lovers and their adventures after being forced to have a big wedding and scheming to elope. Cake premiered at The Other Venice Film Festival, where it won the Audience Award for Best Feature.

"Shutter" will screen Oct. 19. This Asian horror film follows the steps of Ringu and A Tale of Two Sisters. The film will be screened in the C wing auditorium.

"Apres Vous" will screen Nov. 2. This is

a comedy about death, love and great french food. This film is co-sponsored by the Communication Arts, Humanities and Fine Arts Division as part of French week.

"Riding Solo on Top of the World" will screen Nov. 16. This film is about the director's journey on a motorcycle through the beautiful landscapes of Mumbai and the Changthang Plateau.

"King Corn" will screen Dec. 7. This film is about two college graduates and their year-long adventure with the process of planting a single acre of corn and the attempt to follow its fate as food.

The Lake County Film Festival will commence on Feb. 28, 2008. For more information, visit www.lakecountyfilmfest.com; contact Nat Dykeman at lakecountyfilmfest@gmail.com, or call 847-543-2555.

INSIDE LAKE COUNTY



John S. Matijevich

>> SeeingItThrough

President Bush's recent speech about the war in Iraq gave no indication that the president has any plans for an exit strategy. All he really said was that some of the troops will return home soon, but those troops likely will be the ones who are on their scheduled rotation. To earn our world standing back we need to withdraw our troops from Iraq.

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>> SnapShot

This week's question

"In light of recent events in which police were accused of using excessive force, do you think there should be stricter guideline on when Tasers can be used?"

ANSWERS ON PAGE 11A

>> PartyLines

Improvements on their way

The passage of a capital bill from the Illinois Senate will mean road improvements for Lake County. The bill will fund the Illinois Department of Transportation road plan.

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>> OurView

Justice served

President Bush's third, and likely final, attorney general is a good choice.

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>> SketchView



Showing her true colors



Waukegan Aztec dancer Elizabeth Albor, of Waukegan, performs a ceremonial dance to the elements of the Earth during Hispanic Heritage Fest. Hispanic Heritage Fest was in front of Waukegan Public Library.

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>> Grayslake

CLC appoints interim president

LAKE COUNTY JOURNALS

GRAYSLAKE – The College of Lake County board of trustees recently appointed James D. Rock, vice president for administrative affairs, to serve as CLC's interim president.

"We are very pleased to appoint Jim Rock as the college's interim president," Board Chairman William M. Griffin said in a statement.

Rock, of Lake Zurich, will serve for one year, according to a press release

from CLC. Under the terms of the appointment, Rock, who earns an annual salary of \$146,904 as vice president for administrative affairs, will receive an additional stipend of \$2,000 a month.

Rock was hired as vice president for administrative affairs in April 2002 and also has served as board



James Rock

secretary and treasurer. Prior to coming to CLC, Rock served the Round Lake Area Park District for 21 years in a variety of leadership positions.

Rock earned a bachelor's degree in education from Central Michigan University, and a master's degree in public administration from Northern Illinois University.

"I look forward to working with everyone – students, faculty and staff, our board of trustees and our community," Rock said.

>> Hainesville

Hainesville won't pay

Police budget dispute causes villages to clash

By HELEN MANSFIELD
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HAINESVILLE – Village Board President Ted Mueller says he "took a lot of flak" during the April elections about the police agreement between Hainesville and Round Lake Park.

But, he adds that he has always been a staunch supporter of the Round Lake Park/Hainesville Police Department.

Round Lake Park's village attorney recently let Mueller know, in writing, that the village will "pursue collection" of more than \$411,000 that Round Lake Park claims Hainesville owes for police service.

In a letter from Round Lake Park Village Attorney Peter Karlovics to Mueller and Hainesville Village Attorney Derke Price, Village Board President Jean McCue



Jean McCue
Round Lake Park
village president



Ted Mueller
Hainesville
village president

and Karlovics said they will make themselves available to discuss the issue. If the matter is not resolved, Karlovics' letter said Round Lake Park will pursue litigation. McCue said she was not

aware until this year that Hainesville had not been paying what Round Lake Park alleges is its share for police service from Round Lake Park.

The villages merged police departments nearly 10 years ago. The intergovernmental agreement between the two required Hainesville to pay 30 percent of the Round Lake Park Police Department's budget.

McCue said Hainesville has paid a flat rate of a little more than \$340,000, which has fallen short of 30 percent for the last several years.

Round Lake Park claims the \$411,529.25 will cover the short payments for fiscal years 2005, 2006 and 2007.

Mueller said Hainesville paid its invoices "in good faith," but thinks Round Lake Park has "changed the rules in the middle of the game."

He said the village "won't pay it."

"I'm tired of being nice," he said. "These other items are not part of the original budget."

McCue is hopeful the police relationship can be salvaged between the two villages, saying that there were good reasons for the joint agreement in the first place.

"I would like to salvage the relationship, but that's my own personal opinion," McCue said. "Would I like to recoup the money? Yes."

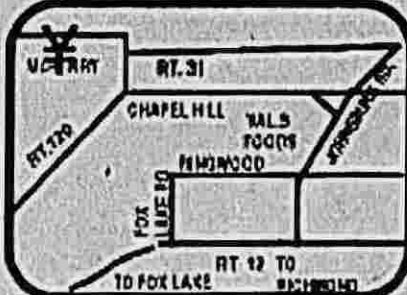
Mueller said there is no plan at this time for Hainesville to contract police protection with the Lake County Sheriff's Department, or any other neighboring village, after the Round Lake Park/Hainesville agreement is up in 2009.

"The goal is to start our own police department," Mueller said.



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BILLY L. ROSE

Born: Dec. 4, 1928
Died: Sept. 18, 2007
Enjoyed playing racquet ball

WAUKEGAN – Billy L. Rose, age 78, of Waukegan, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2007, at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville surrounded by his family and friends. He was born in Pope County, on Dec. 4, 1928, to Norval and Julia Baker Rose. Bill attended Harrisburg Township High School before enlisting in the U.S. Army. Bill was a member of the Operating Engineers Union 150 for more than 50 years.

Survivors include his five children, David (Arlene) Rose, Billy (Lisa) Rose, Mike Miller, Debbie (Ron) Heimke, and Doreen (Bill Pender) Rose; his 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and his sisters. Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Marlene Saari Rose; his sister, and his aforementioned parents.

A visitation was from 5 to 8 p.m., on Sept. 20 at Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium, in Grayslake. A second visitation was from 5 to 8 p.m., on Sept. 21 at the Bailey Funeral Home, 705 North St., in Vienna. Interment was at the Zion Cemetery in Pope County. Please sign the Guest Book at www.LakeCountyJournals.com/obits.

JOHN E. LANGE

Born: Nov. 8, 1926
Died: Sept. 16, 2007
Was a creative woodworker, building and designing furniture

MUNDELEIN – John E. Lange, 80, a former resident of Mundelein and Hendersonville, N.C., passed away Sunday, Sept. 16, 2007, at the Hospice House in Pleasant Prairie, Wis. He was born Nov. 8, 1926, in Chicago and was a U.S. Navy veteran, having served during WWII as a Seabee. He was a patient and creative woodworker, building and designing furniture, building homes and also was a talented mechanic.

Surviving are three children, Nancy (Jim) White of Gurnee, John (Ellen) Lange of Frankfort, and Jim (Cathy) Lange of Kenosha, Wis.; seven grandchildren; his great-grandson; and two sisters. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Anna Lange; by his wife, Mary, in 2004, and by his brother.

Visitation was from 10 a.m. until the time of services at 11 a.m. on Sept. 21 at the First Presbyterian Church, in Libertyville. The family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude for the kindness, compassion and loving care shown John, by the staff at Hospice House. In lieu of flowers,

contributions can be made to the Hospice House Alliance Inc., 10220 Prairie Ridge Road, Pleasant Prairie, WI, 53158. Arrangements were handled by the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Please sign the Guest Book at www.LakeCountyJournals.com/obits.

ALBERT N. 'AL' NELSON

Born: Jan. 17, 1929
Died: Sept. 20, 2007
Lived in Ingleside from 1963 to 1997

DAWSONVILLE, Ga. – Albert N. "Al" Nelson, age 78, of Dawsonville, Ga., died Thursday, Sept. 20, 2007, at his residence after an extended illness. Born in Chicago, he lived in Ingleside, from 1963 to 1997. He moved to Dawson County a year ago from Orlando, Fla. Mr. Nelson retired as a technician with the Ameritech Telephone Company in Elk Grove, where he had 43 years of service without ever missing a day of work. He was a mason and a shriner.

Surviving are, his wife of 44 years, Marianne Nelson of Dawsonville, Ga.; children, Allen and Susan Nelson of Dawsonville, Ga., and Janet Donald and Stephanie Nelson of Poplar Grove; grandchildren, Allen "Learch" Nelson, Curtis Nelson, Lindsey Nelson, Jamie Kedzorski, Jody Kedzorski, Joseph Kedzorski, Jesse Kedzorski; one great-grandson; and a number of other relatives and friends.

The family received friends at the Bearden Funeral Home in Dawsonville, Ga., Sept. 22 from 1 to 6 p.m., with a prayer offered at 6 p.m. Arrangements were handled by the Bearden Funeral Home, Dawsonville, Ga. Please sign the Guest Book at www.LakeCountyJournals.com/obits.

EOLA RUTH BURNS

Born: July 8, 1925
Died: Sept. 22, 2007
She enjoyed sewing, oil and water painting and wall papering

LAKE VILLA – Eola Ruth Burns, age 82 of Lake Villa, passed away Saturday Sept. 22, 2007, at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. She was born July 8, 1925, in Clare, Mich., the daughter of the late Earl and Bertie (Leeth) Phinisey. Eola was a homemaker and also had worked for Montgomery Wards. On June 23, 1946, she married Robert L. Burns in Clare, Mich., and he preceded her in death on Dec. 27, 2002.

Survivors are her son, William (Laura) Burns of Lake Villa and her daughter Glenna (Bill) Sheldon of Naperville; one sister, and two granddaughters. In addition to her husband she was preceded in death by two sisters and by her stepmother Eunice Phinisey. Funeral services will be at a later date in Michigan. Arrangements were handled by the Strang

Funeral Home of Antioch. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Lake Villa Fire Department, in her memory. Please sign our guest book at www.strangfh.com. Please also sign the Guest Book at www.LakeCountyJournals.com/obits.

CHARLES 'CHUCK' W. WORSWICK

Born: Jan. 2, 1929
Died: Sept. 22, 2007
He enjoyed fishing, hunting and playing the lottery

ANTIOCH – Charles "Chuck" W. Worswick, age 78 of Antioch, passed away Saturday, Sept. 22, 2007, at Condell Medical Center, in Libertyville. He was born Jan. 2, 1929 in Forest Park, the son of the late Thomas and Anna (Holst) Worswick. Chuck served in the National Guard and was a member of the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 525. On July 6, 1957, he married Audrey Case in Antioch.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Audrey; two sons, Mark (Cindy) and Dale (Julie) and a daughter, Wendy (Russell) Neeleman, all of Antioch; seven grandchildren; several nieces and nephews and many friends. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a brother.

The funeral was at 7 p.m. on Sept. 25, at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch, with the Rev. Lisle J. Kauffman of Calvary Presbyterian Church of Round Lake, officiating. Interment was private at Hillside Cemetery in Antioch.

Visitation began at 4 p.m., Sept. 25, with the Loyal Order of Moose Services at 6:45 p.m. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to a family memorial. Please sign our guest book at www.strangfh.com. Please also sign the Guest Book at www.LakeCountyJournals.com/obits.

KEITH MCMELLEN

Born: Feb. 8, 1953
Died: Sept. 25, 2007
Enjoyed spending time with his family and friends

ROUND LAKE – Keith McMellen, of Round Lake, died Thursday, Sept. 20, 2007, in Round Lake. Born February 8, 1953, in Saginaw, Mich.,

Keith is survived by his wife of 34 years, Carol (nee Maxim); his children, Laurie (John) Siegel of Fort Hood, Texas, and Keith (Jennifer) McMellen Jr. of Marietta, Ga.; his granddaughter and his grandson yet to be born; his brothers; numerous brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and friends. Keith was preceded in death by his parents, Leslie and Genevieve (nee Miller) McMellen and a brother.

Keith's family would be honored by donations to Condell Hospice at 115 W. Church St., Libertyville,

IL 60048 or The National Kidney Foundation at www.kidney.org. Please sign the Guest Book at www.LakeCountyJournals.com/obits.

MILTON C. GRUDEWICZ

Born: Sept. 12, 1946
Died: Sept. 12, 2007

INGLESIDE – Milton C. Grudewicz, age 61 of Ingleside, passed away suddenly Sept. 12, 2007, at his home. He was born Sept. 12, 1946, in Chicago, the son of Milton D. and June (Prechodko) Grudewicz. Milton enjoyed camping and was a collector of many things. Milton had worked for Baxter Laboratories.

Survivors include his mother, June Grudewicz-Zarovy (company, Frank Hare) of Ingleside; two brothers; dear friend Myriam McReady of Poplar Grove; four children; his aunt, May Kalvelage-Kelleher, and many cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his father Milton D. and aunt Elaine Wojciechowski.

The funeral was at 6 p.m. Sept. 19, at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch. Interment was in Union Ridge Cemetery, in Chicago. Visitation was from 4 to 7 p.m., Sept. 19, at the funeral home. Please sign Milton's guestbook at www.strangfh.com. Please also sign the Guest Book at www.LakeCountyJournals.com/obits.

JULIUS D. GEORGESON

Born: Nov. 11, 1938
Died: Sept. 19, 2007
He enjoyed garage sales and collecting

BLOOMER, WIS. – Julius D. Georson, age 68 of Bloomer, Wis., formerly of Ingleside, passed away at St. Mary Hospital in Rochester, Minn., on Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2007. He was born Nov. 11, 1938, in Chicago, the son of the late Anthony and Molly (Herzog) Georson. Julius served

in the U.S. Air Force and was retired from the Illinois Department of Transportation Highway Department. He moved to Ingleside in 1988 where he enjoyed garage sales and collecting, fishing and being with his family and friends. On Jan. 18, 1958 he married Ruthie Miller in Albany, Ga., and she preceded him in death on Aug. 2, 1999.

He is survived by a son, Troy (Mary) Georgeson of Paddock Lake, Wis.; and a daughter, Wanda (Rick Folker) Tanner of Bloomer, Wis.; four grandchildren, Christopher Georgeson and Vince, Randall and Carrie Tanner; a sister, Georgia (Fred Tietz) Bieschke of Chicago; two brothers, Bill (Sandy) Georgeson and Spiro (Diane) Georgeson both of Antioch; his dear companion, Helen McBurney and several nieces and nephews and other relatives. In addition to his parents and wife he was preceded in death by two sons, Dino and Demetrius; a brother, Peter; a sister, Carline; and his stepfather, George DeBota.

A memorial celebration of his life was at 6 p.m., on Sept. 24, at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch, 1055 Main St. Visitation began at 4 p.m.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to your favorite charity in his memory. Please sign our guest book for Julius at www.strangfh.com. Please also sign the Guest Book at www.LakeCountyJournals.com/obits.

WAYNE KENNETH KUHR

Born: Sept. 10, 1931
Died: Sept. 21, 2007
Enjoyed golfing, walking, traveling and an occasional glass of wine

ANTIOCH – Wayne Kenneth Kuhr, age 76, died Friday, Sept. 21, 2007, passed away peacefully with his family at his side on Friday, Sept. 21, 2007. Born on Sept. 10, 1931, in Neenah, Wis., to Clarence and Edna (Bergelin) Kuhr. Wayne was a registered pharmacist; he worked for Abbott Laboratories. Wayne married Donna Borresen on Sept. 2, 1961. Wayne was serious

when necessary, but was known for being a playful jokester. He celebrated his German heritage and was an avid Green Bay Packer backer.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Donna, of Antioch; his brother; his daughter, Susan (Russell) Tripp of Warrenville, and their daughters, Jamie and Joelle; his son, John (Elissa) of San Anselmo, Calif., and their sons, Ryan, Brandon and Matthew.

Visitation was from 4 to 8 p.m., on Sept. 26, at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch. The funeral was at 10:30 a.m., Sept. 27, at Christ Lutheran Church, in Salem, Wis., with visitation from 9:30 a.m. Interment was private at North Shore Garden of Memories, in North Chicago. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Christ Lutheran Church or the International Waldenstrom's Macroglobulinemia Foundation, 3932-D Swift Road, Sarasota, Fla., 34231 or www.IWMF.com. Please sign our guest book at www.strangfh.com. Please also sign the Guest Book at www.LakeCountyJournals.com/obits.

HALINA M. JANCZEWSKA

Died: Sept. 23, 2007
A former employee of Hewitt Associates in Lincolnshire

LIBERTYVILLE – Halina M. Janczewska of Libertyville, died Sunday, Sept. 23, 2007, at her home. She was born in Poznan, Poland and was a member of St. Joseph Parish in Libertyville. Surviving are her son, Jack Janczewska; a sister, Lottie (Leo) Fitz, both of Libertyville; and a brother.

The funeral was Sept. 26 from the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville, to St. Joseph Church for the Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Interment followed at Lakeside Cemetery. Please sign the Guest Book at www.LakeCountyJournals.com/obits.

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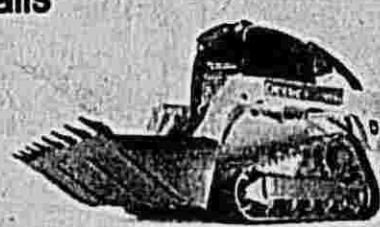
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ALICE ELIZABETH WOODWORTH

Born: Nov. 5, 1916
 Died: Sept. 22, 2007
 Was a lifetime member of the American Hospital School of Nursing Alumnae Association

ROUND LAKE PARK - Alice Elizabeth Constant Woodworth, registered nurse, age 90 of Round Lake Park, pass away tranquilly at her home on Saturday, Sept. 22, 2007. She began her nursing career with Veterans Administration and remained active in acute care and geriatric nursing until retirement age. Survivors include her husband of 52 years, Ralph Woodworth; two children, Thomas Woodworth of Chicago and Constance (Alan) Robinson of Fairmont, W.Va; a sister; a brother; and many other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her father, Theodore Constant; and her mother.

The funeral was at 11 a.m., Sept. 26 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Interment was at Elmwood Cemetery in River Grove. Visitation was from 4 to 8 p.m. On Sept. 25. Memorial contributions can be made to either the United Methodist Church or the American Diabetes Association. Please sign the Guest Book at www.LakeCountyJournals.com/obits.

HSIANG-HSIANG WU

Born: Jan. 21, 1913
 Died: Sept. 21, 2007
 Was an author of more than 20 books

LIBERTYVILLE - Hsiang-Hsiang Wu, age 94 of Libertyville, died Friday, Sept. 21, 2007, at his home. He was born Jan. 21, 1913, in Changteh, Hunan, China. He was a graduate of Beijing University and became a professor at National Taiwan University.

Surviving are three children, Bang-Ling "Lillian" (Maury) Wu Chu of Libertyville, Nancy (Samuel) Wu Chen of Chicago and Bang-Hui Francis Wu of Billa Park; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Sheo-Tsing "Sophia" Wu in 1994, and by his son, Henry Wu in 1974.

Visitation will be from 1 p.m. until the time of services at 3 p.m., on Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. An interment service will be at Ascension Cemetery on Tuesday, Oct. 2. Please sign the Guest Book at www.LakeCountyJournals.com/obits.

LOU 'BUD' SMALL

Born: Feb. 22, 1921
 Died: Sept. 17, 2007
 Served as a volunteer firefighter with the Libertyville Fire Dept.

LIBERTYVILLE - Lou "Bud" Small, age 86 of Libertyville, died Monday, Sept. 17, 2007, at ManorCare Health Services in Libertyville. He was born Feb. 22, 1921, in Libertyville to George C. and Lula Mae Small. He was very proud of serving his community as a volunteer firefighter with

the Libertyville Fire Department for many years and became Chief Engineer. He also served as a part-time Libertyville police officer. Lou married Josephine Cornell, of Washington Island, Wis., on Dec. 10, 1941, and they celebrated 60 years together. He was preceded in death by his wife, Josephine, in 2002; his parents, brothers and one grandson.

Surviving are his children, Lou Jr. (Gloria) Small and Mary (Martin) Andersen, both of Washington Island; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a sister; and many other relatives and friends.

Visitation was from 4 to 8 p.m. on Sept. 20 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. The

funeral was at 1 p.m., Sept. 22 at Bethel Evangelical Free Church on Washington Island with interment following in the Island Cemetery. Memorials can be made to the Washington Island Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 111, Washington Island, WI 54246, where his son serves his community in family tradition as a Firefighter/EMT. Please sign the Guest Book at www.LakeCountyJournals.com/obits.

ELEANOR E. KOCH

Born: Nov. 24, 1926
 Died: Sept. 19, 2007
 Was active in catering for the VFW

ANTIOCH - Eleanor E. Koch, age

80 of Antioch, died Sept. 19, 2007 at Vista Medical Center East, in Waukegan. She was born Nov. 24, 1926 in Berwyn. She loved gardening, crocheting, knitting and cooking. On March 24, 1951, she married Joseph T. Koch in Berwyn and he preceded her in death on Feb. 16, 1990.

Survivors include two sons, Joseph (Laura) of Trevor, Wis. and David of Antioch; a daughter, Linda Pawlowski of Antioch; a sister; five grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

The funeral was at 11 a.m., Sept. 24 with a graveside service at Hillside Cemetery in Antioch. There was no visitation. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her mem-

ory to the Antioch Rescue Squad. Please sign our guest book for Eleanor at www.strangfh.com. Please also sign the Guest Book at www.LakeCountyJournals.com/obits.

JOSEPH A. VINSKO

Born: May 23, 1917
 Died: Sept. 21, 2007
 Served in the U.S. Army during WWII in the European Theater

VERNON HILLS - Joseph A. Vinsko, age 90 of Vernon Hills, died Friday, Sept. 21, 2007, at his home. He was born May 23, 1917, in Vernon, Conn. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in the European Theatre during WWII and was award-

ed the Silver Star and Purple Heart. Surviving are his wife, Marie Frantoni-Vinsko; a daughter, Gail Lukas of Homosassa, Fla.; five stepchildren, Ann Dinelli of Twin Lakes, Wis., Pete (Darlene) Frantoni of Hawthorn Woods, Judith Frantoni of Mill Valley, Calif., Michael (Chris) Frantoni of Forest Park and Joe (Sandy) Frantoni of Newburg, Ind. The funeral was at 11 a.m., Sept. 24 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Please sign the Guest Book at www.LakeCountyJournals.com/obits.



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>> OurView

Good choice for justice

For his third (and he hopes final) attorney general, President Bush recently chose widely respected retired federal judge Michael Mukasey.

Mukasey is not a Washington insider, but the president appears to think he has the chops to be strong on terrorism and national security, and to restore morale and order to the Justice Department.

Mukasey might be a safe choice—he is likely to be easily confirmed and he has lengthy experience in terrorism cases—but he also appears to be a good choice. Mukasey is widely praised by lawyers who have argued in front of him, by President Bush, and by members of Congress in both parties.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said in a statement that Mukasey has "strong professional credentials and a reputation for independence."

Mukasey will be a significant departure from the tenure of former Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, a longtime Bush adviser and friend whose tenure ended in disgrace after scandals about the

firings of nine U.S. Attorneys and a warrantless wiretapping program. While Gonzales was a member of the president's inner circle, Mukasey is described as independent.

Mukasey also has extensive experience in terrorism cases. In 1995, he presided over the trial of 10 suspects, including Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman, who were charged in a plot to blow up the United Nations and other buildings in New York. They were convicted, and Mukasey sentenced Rahman to life in prison.

Mukasey also issued rulings in the Jose Padilla case, ruling that Padilla must be allowed to see his attorneys and that President Bush could detain Padilla indefinitely without charges.

With just 16 months left in Bush's administration, can Mukasey make any significant difference? His tenure might not be recalled as historic or even significant, but he does have the opportunity to revive a demoralized Justice Department and to re-establish the attorney general as a nonpolitical enforcer of the law.

>> PartyLines

Bond announces passage of budget for local roads

State Sen. Michael Bond, D-Grayslake, announced the passage of a capital budget in the Illinois Senate, which will provide "vital statewide funding for roads, education and transit, comes after years of debate and disagreement at the state capital in Springfield," according to a release.

The capital bill funds the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) road plan for northern Lake County with an existing \$74 million plus \$100 million for a total of \$174 million that will fund numerous road projects.

"I'm pleased to have been a part of these negotiations and to have voted for this plan," Bond said in a written statement. "It is a good, solid plan and will take us far in making sure the transportation and transit needs of northern Lake County are taken care of."

Details of the capital plan include funding for the following projects in northern Lake County: \$32,113,500 for additional lanes, land acquisition, construction and engineering of U.S. Route 45 from Washington Street to north of Illinois Route 120 (Belvidere Road); \$31,521,000 for additional lanes, land acquisition, construction and engineering of U.S. Route 45 from south of Illinois Route 120 to Illinois Route 137; and \$16,945,500 for construction of Illinois Route 83 from

the Wisconsin State Line to Petite Lake Road, among several other projects.

In addition to these road projects, the capital bill includes additional dollars for local infrastructure projects as well as local and county road improvements.

The bill now goes to the Illinois House of Representatives for consideration.

Workforce grant granted

State Sen. Susan Garrett, D-Lake Forest, announced that a \$400,000 workforce training grant has been awarded to the College of DuPage-Northern Illinois Regional Consortium (NIRC) to upgrade the skills of employees at manufacturers across the region.

The NIRC represents a collaboration between the College of DuPage, College of Lake County, Oakton Community College, and Harper College.

The grant will be used to help train 4,218 individuals at 64 companies throughout Cook, Lake, and DuPage counties.

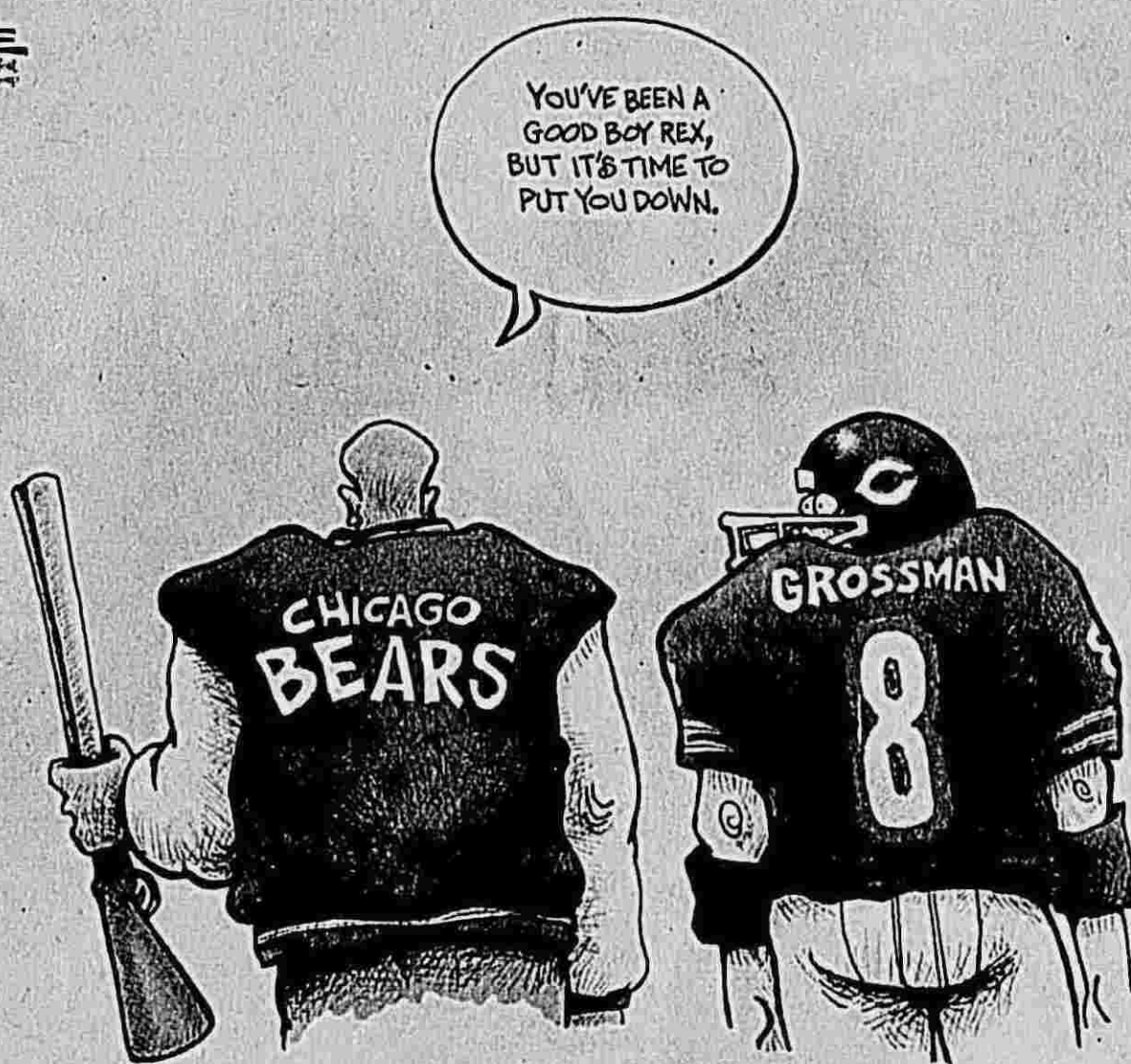
The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity is administering the grant, which was awarded through the Employer Training Investment Program (ETIP) to train employees in IT and computer skills, technical workplace skills, Quality-ISO Safety, and additional basic skills.

"The Northern Illinois Regional Consortium plays a vital role in ensuring that companies across the region have employees with the right skills for the right jobs," said Garrett.



Michael Bond
State Sen. from Grayslake

>> SketchView



Lovie prepares his quarterback for the shotgun formation.

>> YourView

Evolution is a theory

To the Editor:
I would like to comment in regard to your editorial, "More Than Just a Theory" [Sept. 21-27 edition of the Lake County Journals].

It is hard for me to accept what you said: "Scientific theories such as evolution are supported by facts and evidence. It is not a supposition," as fact. In the dictionary, theory is "from a theory, look at, contemplation (study, ponder, consider), speculation, formulation of apparent relationships of underlying principles which have been verified to some degree. A branch of science consisting in a knowledge of principles and methods rather than practice."

When penicillin was a theory, it still was in the mold stage of scientific discovery.

When it healed illnesses it became a fact.

When you stated that evolution remains the single best scientific expla-

nation for the vast diversity of life on Earth, you said it all. It is still a theory.

The best scientific explanation of something unknown does not make it a fact.

Most of us who do not believe in evolution want you and the science books to do is tell it like it is. It is a theory, not a fact.

Lois Ryan
McHenry

Mold breeds dangers

To the Editor:

As people clean up after the recent heavy rains, they should know their homes are at risk for mold growth. Sitting water anywhere in the home can cause mold growth, as it feeds on almost anything, including carpet fibers, drywall and paneling. It is difficult to determine whether a mold infestation has occurred. Mold already might be multiplying before it is even visible.

Letters to the editor

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Mold in the home can not only destroy property and lead to costly repairs, but it can lead to serious health problems such as chronic allergies and asthma. To protect the occupants of your home, remove any materials that might be infected by mold as quickly as possible.

Completely remove any previously saturated carpeting, padding and drywall. Then, seal off the affected area. You can accomplish this by taping plastic sheeting over a doorway and the room's

air vents.

Finally, set up fans to blow air outside, which will improve ventilation and air quality. I urge readers whose homes incurred water damage to take these precautions. Remember, mold threatens not only your home, but also the health of your family.

Larry Schwartz
Certified Indoor Environmental Consultant
President and Founder of Safestart Environmental Inc.
Buffalo Grove

>> SeeingItThrough

President Bush gives no signs of exit strategy

President George W. Bush's recent fifteen-minute speech to the American public about the status of the Iraq War was just more of the same stuff. There was no indication of any thought regarding an exit strategy from Iraq. It was apparent that President Bush tried to convince us that so many positive things are happening in Iraq that "we can begin seeing troops come home."

He could have been more blunt because the 7,500 troops who are scheduled to be home by the holidays in December were going to be coming home anyway in regular rotation.

And the rest of the 30,000 mentioned in the troop withdrawal probably won't be released until a year from now. And those returning can't be called a "reduction in troops," because they were part of what was called the "surge of troops" who will be scheduled for rotation releases.

That's why I interpret the speech to be more of the same things we've heard before, because when it's all said and done there will still be 130,000 troops in Iraq, just as in 2006. With no exit strategy or timetable, it seems obvious that troops will be there for the long-haul. And that is unfortunate.



John S. Matijevich

I don't know how much more can be asked of our troops. It can be said that there is clearly a wide rift among high-level military people that our military has been stretched too thin and there can be dangerous consequences to our overall security.

Also, when Gen. Peter Petraeus was asked by Sen. John Warner, R-Va., whether we are safer in America because of Iraq, I thought that Petraeus hesitated long enough that his answer was measured and straightforward.

When he said that he didn't know whether it has made us safer, many were shocked. He later tried to sugarcoat his answer, but his first response will always be remembered.

I opposed the entry into Iraq as a pre-emptive war of choice when there was not significant evidence of a connection between Iraq and al-Qaida—nor were there weapons of mass destruction. The Bush

strategy has been totally misguided. Bush has never defined what victory really is. He has kind of couched it by saying when Iraq is stabilized in a free democracy.

In Bush's speech his new sound-bite slogan was "return on success." There again, he doesn't really define what success is. But he hinted at it when he declared that it will involve American engagement that will extend beyond his presidency. So, I think that President Bush knows that what he started a war he cannot finish.

Sectarian violence might last there forever, but just weeks ago, the incoming chairman of Joint Chiefs, Admiral Michael Mullen, said, "No amount of troops in Iraq in no amount of time will make much of a difference," and "there is no military solution to the war."

There may have been other military blunders besides the Iraq War, but none so devastated our standing in the world.

It was wrong from the start, and has been mishandled ever since. We can repair our standing in the world, by bringing our troops home as soon as possible.

• *John S. Matijevich writes a weekly column for the Lake County Journals.*

>> SnapShot

"In light of recent events in which police were accused of using excessive force, do you think that there should be stricter guidelines on when Tasers can be used?"



"No, there should be looser guidelines because police need to have the ability to protect."
Shannon Brouillard Gurnee



"Yes, there should be. Because how do you know if people can take it?"
Jannette Wence Gurnee

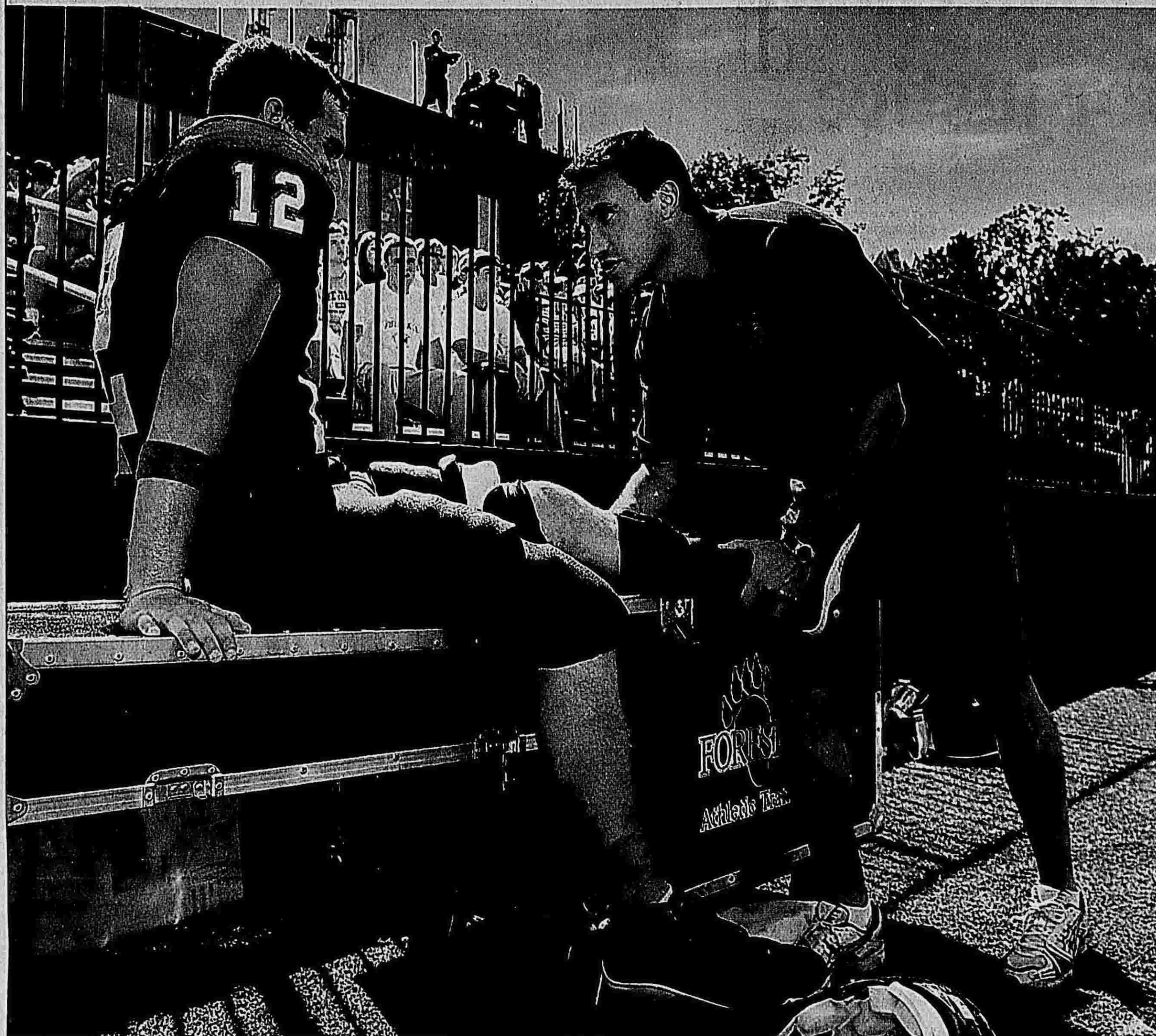


"Yes, there should be."
Josh Cantrell Waukegan



"They should have a strong set of rules of do's and don'ts."
Jimmy Geronimo Zidon

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Sometimes Roger N. Chams, M.D., does his best work from the sidelines.

When he's not in the O.R. surgically reconstructing a young athlete's shoulder or knee, Dr. Roger Chams, a member of Illinois Bone & Joint Institute, can usually be found on one of several high school or college athletic fields in the region where he serves as a volunteer team physician. He is also a volunteer instructor for the Arthroscopy Assoc. of North America. Trained at the world-renowned Southern California Orthopedic Institute, Dr. Chams performs the most arthroscopic knee and shoulder surgeries in Lake County. It is his emphasis on injury prevention and minimally invasive techniques that has advanced the science and art of sports medicine.

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CEMETERY CRAWL: A living history tour of the Grayslake Cemetery will be at 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. on Sept. 30.

IF THE SHOE FITS: The Round Lake Park District presents "Cinderella's Glass Slipper" on Sept. 30 at the College of Lake County in Grayslake.

A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE: "Cirque Dreams Jungle Fantasy" will be at 8 p.m. on Oct. 3 at Genesee Theatre in Waukegan.

INSIDE

>> NowShowing

Movie reviews

'The Kingdom'

★½

• Movie critic Jeffrey Westhoff says that "The Kingdom" is an offensive film about terrorism, and the poorly-portrayed Americans should be most offended.

'Feast of Love'

★★★

• Director Robert Benton falls short of his ambitions in "Feast of Love," but movie critic Jeffrey Westhoff says a strong cast saves the film.

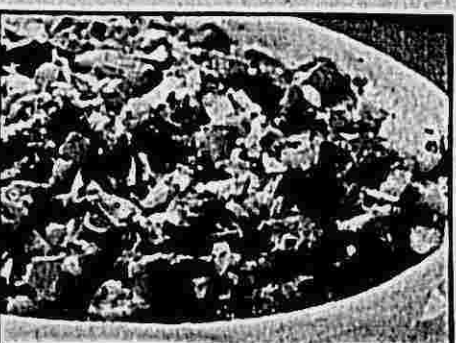
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Calendar

Looking for something to do in and around Lake County? Check out the calendar page with events happening in your town.

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>> RelishTheAmericanTable

Eggplant ratatouille

Ratatouille, a Mediterranean dish with eggplant and tomatoes, might take time to make, but it's time well spent. To make the meal, go to **LakeCountyJournals.com** and select "food" under the LakeLife option.



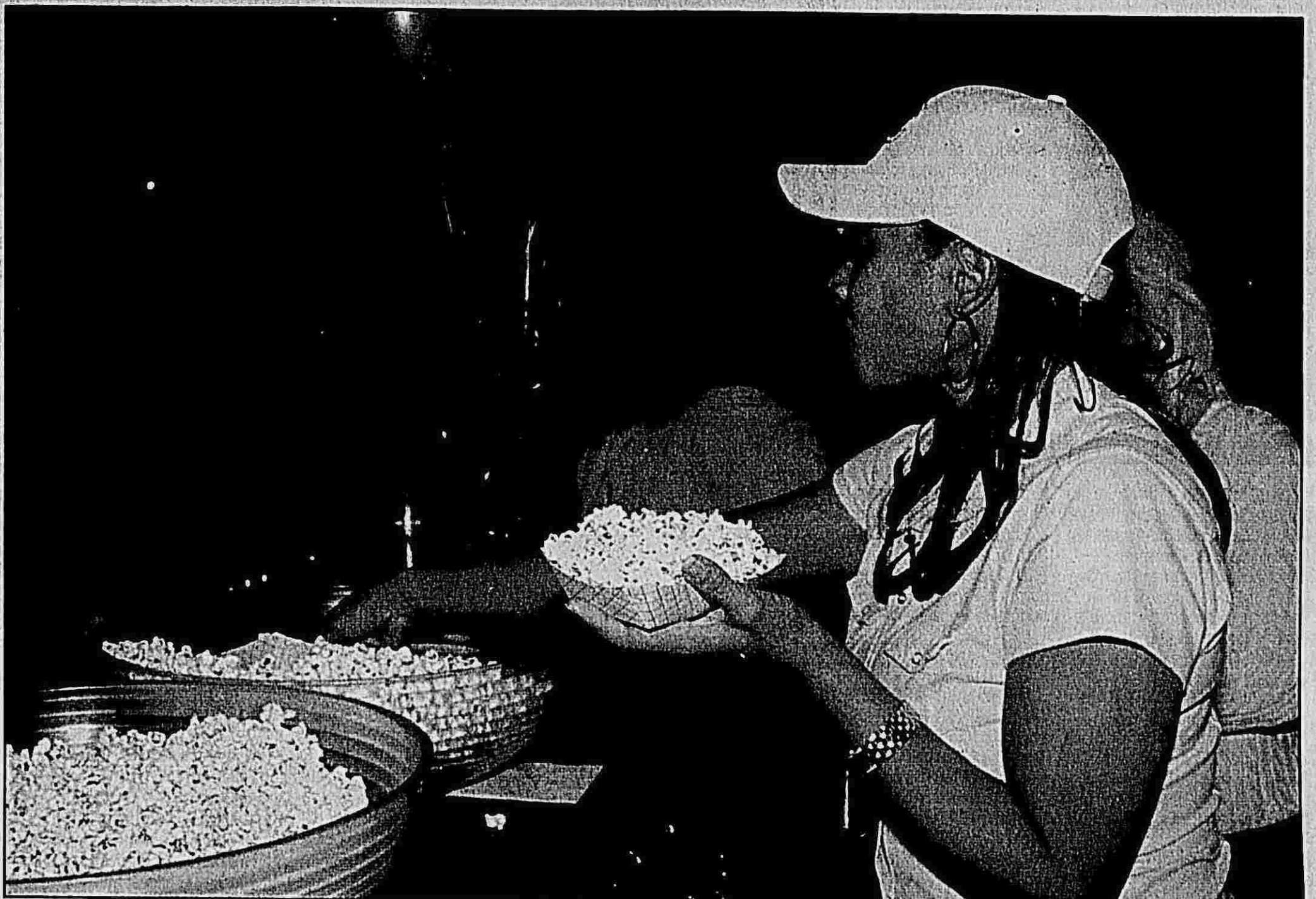
>> OnStage

'The Producers'

Whether on the big screen or on stage, "The Producers" serves up laughs. The play continues the tradition through Dec. 2 at Marriott Theatre in Lincolnshire.

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Saddle up for football fun



Felecia Beacham, of Waukegan, tries the spicy popcorn during the Sept. 23 Bears game against the Dallas Cowboys at Saddle Ridge Bar and Grill Banquets in Waukegan.

Saddle Ridge Bar and Grill Banquets cooks up entertainment

By DANI SCHWENGER
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What it offers

Are you ready for some football? Saddle Ridge Bar and Grill Banquets in Waukegan is ready, and its owners are looking to share their love of the game with Lake County residents.

The restaurant, bar, and banquet hall opens its doors every Sunday and Monday for football fans to come and celebrate the season with friends.

"There's always something new, always something different, people always have a good time, and there's always something unexpected," said Vicki Thedos, co-owner, operator, and director of sales at Saddle Ridge. "Customers expect to see a smiling face, and they do."

Vicki owns Saddle Ridge with her husband, Jimmy. The couple opened Saddle Ridge in 1976 and have looked for ways to entertain guests ever since. One of those ways is bringing people together during the football season.

"People are looking for entertainment," Vicki said. "And they want to be entertained."

But entertainment isn't the only thing that has kept Mike Bettasso, of Waukegan, coming to Saddle Ridge for 25 years — it's also the service and camaraderie. Bettasso came to the Sept. 23 Bears game against the Dallas Cowboys with friend Pete Smith, of Highland Park.

• Every Sunday and Monday during football season, the fully-stocked bar has a special of a 12-inch cheese pizza and a pitcher of beer for \$11.75, and pool is free on Sundays. The bar has 11 TVs, a stage area, a fireplace, two pool tables, darts, a jukebox, and two arcade games.

• On Thursdays, there is karaoke with a disc jockey, and on Fridays and Saturdays, a DJ plays dance music.

• Buffets are served on holidays such as Easter and Mother's Day.

• The banquet area hosts weddings and Quinceañeras.

• A wedding and Quinceañera expo and fashion show will take place from 3 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 14.

• Saddle Ridge hosts about eight fundraising poker tournaments a year. The next tournament will take place on Thursday, Oct. 18.

"It's a friendly place to come to," Bettasso said. "Everybody gets treated as if they've been coming here all along. No one gets ignored."

That seemed evident during the Bears game, when Vicki and Jimmy chatted with clients, making sure everyone felt comfortable and welcome. Saddle Ridge is connected to a Ramada hotel, so, Vicki said, locals as well as travelers stop by.

"We're family oriented," she said.



Liz Boomer - wjnews@nwnewsgroup.com
Sarah Baker, of Waukegan, reacts to a blocked field goal during the Sept. 23 Bears game against the Dallas Cowboys at Saddle Ridge Bar and Grill Banquets in Waukegan. Sarah works at Saddle Ridge part time as a cocktail waitress.

"We don't run like a business; we run like a family."

Saddle Ridge appears to have a close-knit, everybody-knows-everybody feel to it, and many of the staff members have worked there for more than 20 years. One of those staff members is executive chef John Aiello, of Waukegan. Aiello has worked at Saddle Ridge for 27 years.

"I stay because I like what I do," he said as he adjusted a Bears hat resting

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on his head. Executive Assistant in Special Events Elaine Tschoepe has been an employee at Saddle Ridge for two years and said she loves the clients and staff.

Aiello and Tschoepe agreed with Vicki that the friendly vibe and food make Saddle Ridge stand out from other restaurants and bars in the area.

The ambiance of Saddle Ridge also is an attraction for customers, with a Wisconsin-lodge feel and a splash of elegance. Dim lighting created from candles on the wood tables, along with white Christmas lights around the fireplace, make you feel as though you've just stepped out of your skis and into a warm lodge on a winter day.

Although the Bears lost 34-10 on Sept. 23, everyone at Saddle Ridge seemed to be in high spirits as they enjoyed the company of familiar faces.

"People come here not only for the menu and the drinks, but also for the conversation and friendships," Vicki said.

INSIDE SPORTS



Kevin Kaduk

>> Views

NorthWest News Group Pro Sports Columnist Kevin Kaduk says that the Cubs are still the loveable underdogs over the Milwaukee Brewers, even though they have more advantages than the Brew Crew.

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Vernon Hills victory

Vernon Hills beats the Round Lake Panthers 41-28 on the team's home turf on the gridiron.

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>> QuickHitters

Athletic spotlight

Antioch volleyballer Lindsay Callanan helped her team to a share of a conference championship, while Round Lake's Ray Bryant was the team in a conference football game.

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>> GameOfTheWeek

It's tennis time

Girls tennis begins this week with the North Suburban Conference tournament Oct. 4 at Antioch.

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MUSEUM EVENTS

KOHL CHILDREN'S MUSEUM- "Think Tank," a new exhibit designed to challenge minds, is now open at Kohl Children's Museum of Greater Chicago, 1412 W. Belmont Ave., in Chicago. For more information, call 773-327-3830, or e-mail mail@carolfoxassociates.com.

THE INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM OF SURGICAL SCIENCE- 1524 N. Lake Shore Drive, in Chicago; For more information, call the museum at 312-642-6502, or visit www.imss.org. Featuring: "Recovery," an exhibition of embroidered x-rays by Matthew Cox (www.jonathanferrara-gallery.com/cox.html) and "Under the Looking Glass: Examining Natural and Constructed Structures," which features fiber and multi-media sculptures by Maggie Leininger.

SPECIAL EVENTS

MS COCKTAILIN'- The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Greater Illinois Chapter, will host its fourth annual MS Cocktailin' for the Cause benefit from 7 to 11 p.m. on Oct. 5 at Hotel Allegro, 171 W. Randolph, in Chicago. For more information, call 800-FIGHT MS (344-4867).

GRAYSLAKE CEMETERY TOUR- A living history tour of the Grayslake Cemetery will take place at 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. on Sept. 30. The Grayslake Cemetery is a half block north of the intersection of Lake Street and Belvidere Road. There is no admission charge. In case of rain, the event will be in the Community Room of the State Bank of the Lakes, 50 Commerce Drive, in Grayslake. For more information, call 847-223-5509.

COLLEGE OF LAKE COUNTY- CLC Grayslake campus, 19351 W. Washington St., in Grayslake, will present "Don Quixote and Gastronomy in the 16th Century" from noon to 2 p.m. on Oct. 1 in room C003. For more information, call 847-543-2040. The campus also will sponsor a lecture by Dan Madsen, a publisher and expert on fans of "Star Wars" and "Star Trek" series. The free lecture will be from noon to 2 p.m. on Oct. 4 in the C Wing Auditorium (C005) at the College of Lake County, 19351 W. Washington St., in Grayslake. CLC also will host classes and lectures in the arts. Four great Italian women painters who overcame burdens, barriers and scandals to achieve genius and recognition in their own day will be showcased in a four-week class on Sept. 26 to Oct. 17.

"La Boheme" is the subject of a lecture on Sept. 29 for opera lovers and theatre-goers. "The Revival and Renewal with Cinema Classics: Obsessively Romantic" class will examine obsessive love using "Letter from an Unknown Woman" and "In a Lonely Place" as the basis for discussion. The class meets on Mondays from Sept. 24 to Oct. 8. "Experimental Art for Everyone" will explore various techniques and media to create mixed media pieces. "Beginning Watercolor Painting and Watercolor Painting" will teach painting fundamentals and technique at two different sites. Digital camera users will learn camera usage and photo technique in "Dazzling Digital Photography: How to use and

have fun with a digital camera." For more information call the CLC Discovery hotline at 847-543-6507, or visit www.clcillinois.edu/noncredit/programs/seniors.asp.

ZION-BENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY- 2400 Gabriel Ave., in Zion; Featuring: a mini-course on crocheting. This mini-course will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Oct. 3 and 10. Registration is required. Register online at www.zblibrary.org, or call 847-872-4680, ext. 4.

SAVE-A-PET- 31644 N. Fairfield Road, in Grayslake; Featuring: a Kitten Carnival from noon to 4 p.m. on Sept. 29 at Save-A-Pet. For more information, call 847-746-7788, ext. 146, or go to www.save-a-pet-il.org.

2007 METRO CHICAGO START! HEART WALK- A heart walk will be at three locations across Metro Chicago: At 8 a.m. Sept. 29 at Hamilton Partners Esplanade at Locust Point, in Downers Grove; At 8 a.m. Sept. 30 at Harper College, in Palatine; And at 8 a.m. Oct. 6 at the First Midwest Bank Amphitheater, in Tinley Park. For more information about the Metro Chicago Start! Heart Walk, visit www.heartwalk.kintera.org/metrochicago, or contact the American Heart Association at 312-346-4675. To learn more, call 800-AHA-USA1, or visit americanheart.org.

CITY WIDE PRIDE DAY- On Sept. 29, the North Chicago Chamber of Commerce, the City of North Chicago, and School District 187 will host a City Wide Pride Day. For more information, call 847-785-1912, or e-mail northchicagochamber@yahoo.com.

ON STAGE

ROUND LAKE PARK DISTRICT- The Round Lake Park District presents "Cinderella's Glass Slipper" on Sept. 30 and "Once Upon a Wolf" on Nov. 4; also, "Thaddeus Rex," will be performed on Dec. 2 at the College of Lake County, 19351 W. Washington St., in Grayslake in room C005. For tickets, call the CLC box office at 847-543-2300, or go to www.clcillinois.edu/tickets.

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A night of dreams come true



Six Flags Great America Dream Nite sweepstakes winner Michele Tauscheck, of Libertyville, checks out the test chair for Batman the Ride at Six Flags Great America in Gurnee. Tauscheck was one of six who won the sweepstakes. The winners were given the park to themselves and 100 family members and friends on Sept. 21.

Libertyville woman wins Six Flags sweepstakes

By **DANI SCHWEIGERT**
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When Michele Tauscheck, of Libertyville, heard that Six Flags Great America in Gurnee was hosting a Dream Nite sweepstakes, she decided to sign up—but winning was the furthest thing from her mind.

The event, which took place Sept. 21, allowed six people to have the theme park to themselves and 100 friends and family members for a night.

Soon after she signed up on Six Flags' Web site, Tauscheck was shocked when she got an e-mail and a phone call from the theme park telling her that she was one of the winners.

"I couldn't believe it," Tauscheck said. "I got off the phone and said, 'I won something! I've never won anything before.'"

Winning, however, wasn't the only surprise in store for the 36-year-old. About a month after she learned she was a winner of the sweepstakes, Tauscheck found out she was expecting her first child with her husband, Jason Miller. Now five months pregnant, Tauscheck might not have been able to go on the rides during her Sept. 21 "dream night," but that didn't stop her from having fun.

"I love it," she said with a smile. "And my family loves it."

Tauscheck invited about 85 friends

Meet the winners

Emily Dimare, of Buffalo Grove
Keith Elrod, of Plainfield
Ella Fayer, of Northbrook
Joey Keller, of Oak Creek, Wis.
John Plabank, of Kenosha, Wis.
Michele Tauscheck, of Libertyville.

Up next

Now that the sweepstakes is complete, staff members at Six Flags Great America, at 1 Six Flags Parkway in Gurnee, are preparing for the park's next big event—Fright Fest. The event will be Oct. 6 through 28.

For more about Fright Fest and other Halloween activities, including a local trick-or-treat schedule, check out next week's edition of LakeLife.

and family members to share her special evening, including friends Rick and Sue Rosenwald, of Sheboygan, Wis.

"I'm honored she thought of us and invited us," Rick said. "[Events like this] really bring the community together."

As Tauscheck walked through the park with Rick and others in her group, she had to stop at one of her favorite rides, Batman. Although she couldn't go on the actual roller coaster, she did try out the test seat nearby.

"This is about as close as I'm going to get to this," she said with a laugh.

Spending time with friends and family



Six Flags Great America Dream Nite sweepstakes winner Michele Tauscheck, of Libertyville, walks with her husband, Jason Miller, through Six Flags in Gurnee.

The sweepstakes

Brooke Gabbert, public relations manager at Six Flags, said that this was the first time the Dream Nite sweepstakes took place. Those who bought a season pass from last September through July were automatically entered, she said, and people also could enter other ways such as through Six Flags' Web site. She added that the six winners were randomly chosen.

For the sweepstakes, Gabbert said, Six Flags partnered with Children's Memorial Hospital and brought in two families of children at the hospital. The park also sold paper hands for \$2 during the event to support the hospital.

"We wanted a way to reward pass holders," she said.

was great, but there was another highlight Tauscheck couldn't help but enjoy. "There are no lines," she said. "This is better than any fast pass ever."

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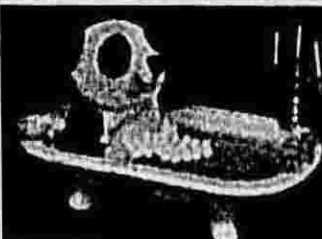
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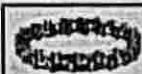
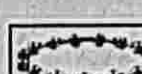
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'Kingdom' falls short

By JEFFREY WESTHOFF
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Because "The Kingdom" is about terrorism, and its villains are Muslim and Arab, expect to see the usual round of protests from Muslim and Arab advocacy groups.

But the people who really should be offended by "The Kingdom" are Americans, particularly those who work for the FBI, because the film's American heroes are depicted as pig-headed, offensive bullies who claim the moral high ground, but in the end can solve their problems only with guns and car chases.

Jamie Foxx, as Ronald Fleury, leads a team of FBI agents sent to investigate the terrorist bombing of a residential compound for U.S. oil workers in Saudi Arabia.

Matthew Michael Carnahan's script establishes that the FBI is in charge of investigating attacks on U.S. citizens abroad. But that doesn't mean Fleury's team automatically is dispatched to Saudi Arabia. The Saudi government doesn't want the FBI on its soil, and the U.S. State Department acquiesces to avoid diplomatic turmoil.

So Fleury goes behind the scenes to pull some political strings to spite his superiors, setting up the "Dirty Harry" tone and tactics that underlie the rest of his investigation.

Sure enough, as soon as his team members arrive in Saudi Arabia, they start bossing around the locals and mock their poor evidence-gathering skills. They needlessly offend their hosts with their profanity, and the female member of the team, played by Jennifer Garner, does not wear a veil.

Supposedly mitigating all this lack of diplomacy is the friendship that forms between Fleury and the Saudi police official, Col. Faris Al Ghazi (Ashraf Barhom), assigned as the FBI's liaison. Al Ghazi was in charge of security for the compound and is deeply distressed that the death of dozens of Americans occurred on his watch.

Foxx gives a decent performance, but



Jamie Foxx and Jennifer Garner star in "The Kingdom," directed by Peter Berg.

'The Kingdom'

★½

Genre: Drama

Director: Peter Berg

Writer: Matthew Michael Carnahan

More information: Rated R for intense sequences of graphic brutal violence, and for language; running time is 110 minutes.

the other members of his team are stereotypes, which gives Garner, Chris Cooper, and Jason Bateman little to do but speak sarcastically and act macho.

The idea of Bateman acting macho is as silly as it sounds, but he is nowhere near as annoying as Jeremy Piven, who plays a state department official in Saudi Arabia as an obnoxious cousin to the Hollywood agent he plays on "Entourage."

Next to Barhom's performance as the sympathetic Saudi cop, the best thing about "The Kingdom" is its production values. The location work in the United Arab Emirates, standing in for Saudi Arabia, is strikingly shot by cinematog-

rapher Mauro Fiore.

Although it coincides with such politically charged films as "In the Valley of Elah" and "Rendition," "The Kingdom" is more of an action movie than an examination of America's post-Sept. 11 foreign policies.

Director Peter Berg turns to violence and thrills whenever possible, and the climax is a 20-minute shootout.

Berg tries to emulate the look and high-mindedness of a Michael Mann production, but "The Kingdom" is really the war on terrorism's answer to "Rambo: First Blood, Part II."

Given the current state of the world, this is a lousy time for revenge fantasies. Perhaps the filmmakers haven't noticed, but the U.S. is already engaged in a war in the Middle East — one sold to the American public as retribution for Sept. 11.

Turn on CNN, and you'll see the reality the fantasy "The Kingdom" tries to peddle. The ending isn't working out so well.

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>> OnStage



Ross Lehman (left), as Max, and Guy Adkins, as Bloom, perform a scene from "The Producers" at the Marriott Theatre in Lincolnshire.

Producing a hit

Whether on stage or on screen, "The Producers" offers high-energy fun

By TOM WITOM

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A mega-hit as a movie in 1968 and as a stage musical in 2001, "The Producers" loses none of its comedic vigor in its first regional production at the Marriott Theatre in Lincolnshire.

The in-the-round production, from a playbook by Mel Brooks and Thomas Meehan, with music and lyrics by Brooks, is as laugh-inducing as ever. Ross Lehman and Guy Adkins also demonstrate their fine vocal talents as leads in this Broadway send-up.

Lehman appears as Max Bialystock, a distressed producer who has backed a steady stream of unsuccessful shows. He teams with an unlikely partner, a neurotic accountant (Adkins as Leo Bloom), and together they set out to reverse their financial fortunes by producing the worst play they could get their hands on to claim a tax write off and pocket the seed money they raise for the show.

They're convinced "Springtime for Hitler," an out-of-sync work with a gay twist, will fold after one performance.

Of course, the obnoxious,

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Where: Marriott Theatre, 10
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When: Through Dec. 2
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weird farce they have chosen doesn't bomb, even with the over-the-top cast they put in place, including a last-minute stand-in. This sets the stage for a big finale in "The Producers," with silly scenes in prison and a courtroom.

Enhanced by inspired direction and choreography by Marc Robin, "The Producers" shines.

There's good work by Angela Feeney as the Swedish bombshell who auditions for a part in the play; Bernie Yvon as a flamboyant director; George Keating as Yvon's colorful assistant; and Michael Lindner as the off-beat Nazi sympathizer and "Springtime" playwright.

The costumes, by Nancy Missimi, have never been better. Pretty showgirls from the chorus appear variously as Bialystock's brigade of elderly women looking to trade financial backing for sexual favors, and, in one scene, as thurifers and pretzels. Thomas Ryan's sparse set design works well; a fine addition was an overhead TV monitor that tracked time-and-place sequencing.

'Feast of Love' a complex study of relationships

By JEFFREY WESTHOFF
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'Feast of Love'

★★★

Genre: Drama/romance

Writer: Allison Burnett

Director: Robert Benton

Other information: Rated R for strong sexual content, nudity and language; running time is 102 minutes.

Sex, taken seriously, has all but vanished from American cinema.

In "Feast of Love," director Robert Benton, who participated in Hollywood's first sexual revolution, tries to restore sex as just another facet in a meaningful consideration of modern romance.

But the film, which stars Morgan Freeman and Greg Kinnear, is too slight to bear the weight of Benton's sexual politics. Because the overall tone is wistful, scenes of full-frontal female nudity are distracting and feel like they were spliced in from a European film.

That might be Benton's intention. He helped instigate the New Hollywood revolution 40 years ago, when he collaborated on the "Bonnie and Clyde" script, a film intended from the get-go to bring the sensibilities of Jean Luc Godard and Michelangelo Antonioni to America.

But Benton's old radicalism doesn't serve "Feast of Love" well. The hot-and-heavy sex scenes don't match the rest of the film and come across as exactly what they are: Benton's thumbing his nose at Hollywood's current timidity.

"Feast of Love" does benefit from Benton's fascination of the fragility of human relationships, a reputation cemented with his 1979 film "Kramer vs. Kramer."

"Feast of Love" centers on a Portland, Ore., coffee shop owned by Bradley Thomas (Kinnear). The story runs through three relationships meant to represent youthful, middle-aged, and mature love.

Harry Stevenson (Freeman) and his wife, Esther (Jane Alexander), are love's elder representatives. They remain happily married on the surface, but they haven't been romantic since their son died of a drug overdose a year earlier. Blaming himself, Harry stops teaching at the university and stops making love to Esther.

Harry also is the narrator of the story, commenting on the romances he sees brewing at Bradley's coffee shop.

Bradley, loves middle-aged ambassador, is in love with love itself and doesn't see that the women in his life are wrong for him. He also doesn't notice the blatant flirting between his wife, Kathryn

(Selma Blair), and the female shortstop from an opposing softball team.

After Kathryn leaves him for the shortstop, Bradley hooks up with his real estate agent, Diana (Radha Mitchell), unaware she is having an affair with a married man (Billy Burke). He quickly marries her on the rebound. The film's young lovers are a pair of Bradley's employees, Chloe (Alexa Davalos) and Oscar (Toby Hemingway). Despite such bizarre twists as Chloe and Oscar making a porno video to earn a down payment on a house, their relationship is a dull interlude, mostly because Oscar's

characterization is as thin as a sheet of typing paper. Their story also introduces a ludicrous subplot when Oscar's abusive father (Fred Ward) begins to stalk Chloe.

Some developments at the end are too pat, and screenwriter Allison Burnett has the characters state their emotions too often, but "Feast of Love" has just enough honesty and heart to redeem it, even if it falls short of Benton's ambitions.

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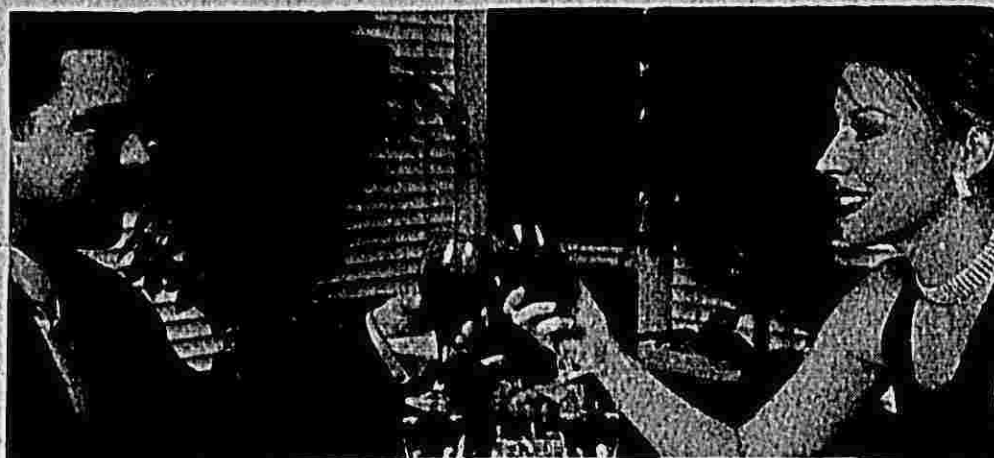
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Don't swallow these 10 food myths

(MS) — Navigating the world of nutrition can get tricky. It seems that as soon as one dietary strategy is proclaimed beneficial, others quickly refute the claims. Over time, myths develop in relation to certain foods that can create real problems for people trying to separate fact from fiction.

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You should drink eight glasses of water per day.

Staying hydrated is important, but the water you drink can come from other sources than simply water alone. Milk, juice, coffee, tea and even soft drinks can contribute to water requirements.

Margarine is better for you

than butter.

It depends on the margarine. Many margarines are processed using hydrogenation, which adds harmful trans fats that increase "bad cholesterol" LDL levels and even decrease the good HDL.

Dried fruit is not as healthy as fresh fruit.

As part of a healthy diet, it is recommended that you eat at least five servings of fruits and vegetables daily. So any way you slice, chop or bite into it, it doesn't matter if the fruit is fresh or dried to be healthy.

Olive oil can protect you from a heart attack.

Olive oil is still a fat and should be used in moderation and not considered a cure-all for heart disease.

Multigrain foods are always made with whole grains.

Just because the label states that an item is "multi-grain" doesn't mean that it is made from whole grains. Whole grains are those that have the bran, germ and endosperm of the grain intact.

Coffee will stunt your growth.

Coffee cannot stunt your growth, but drinking it in lieu of calcium-rich dairy products could impact bone health.

Spinach will make you stronger.

Although Popeye might tell you so, spinach doesn't have any special strength-producing properties over other

healthy fruits and veggies.


Spicy food causes stomach ulcers.

Stomach ulcers are caused by infection or bacteria present in the stomach. While spicy foods may not cause ulcers, they can certainly aggravate them and should be consumed in moderation.



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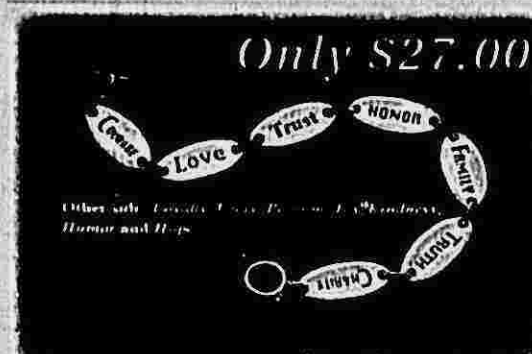
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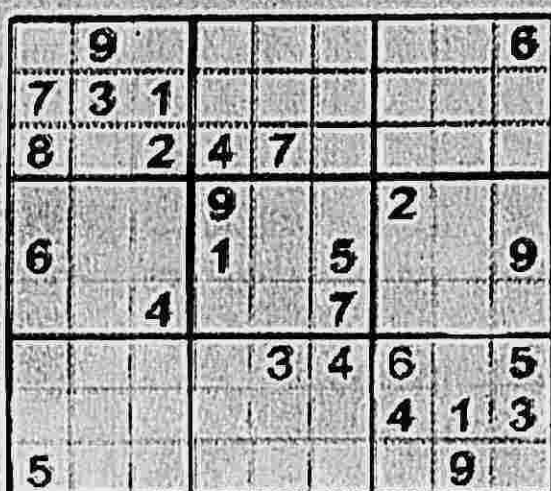
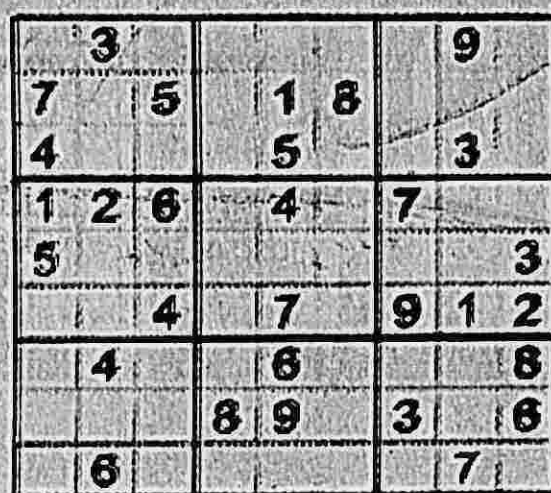
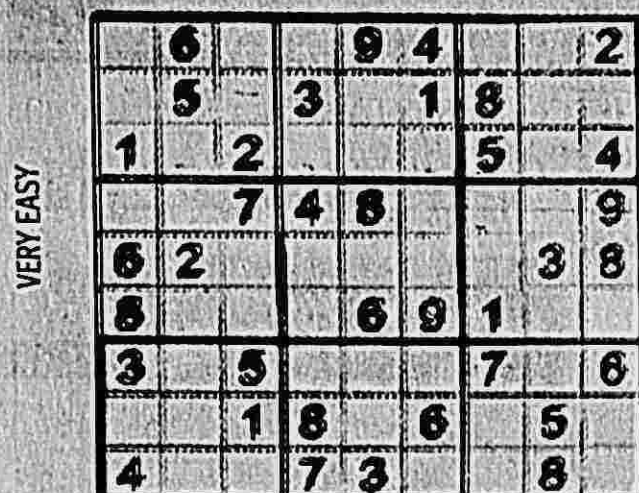
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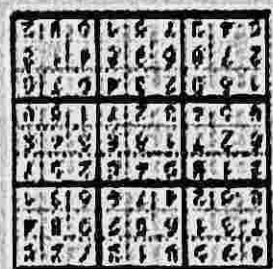
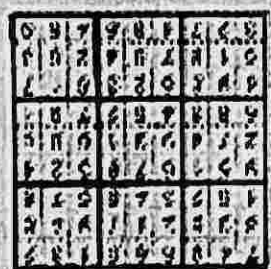
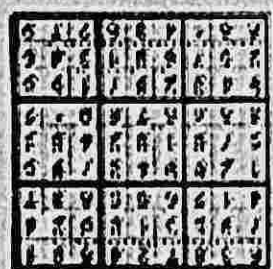
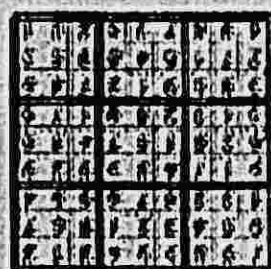
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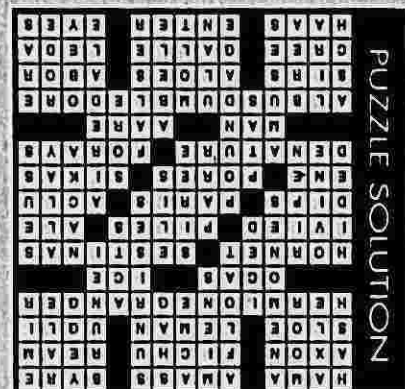
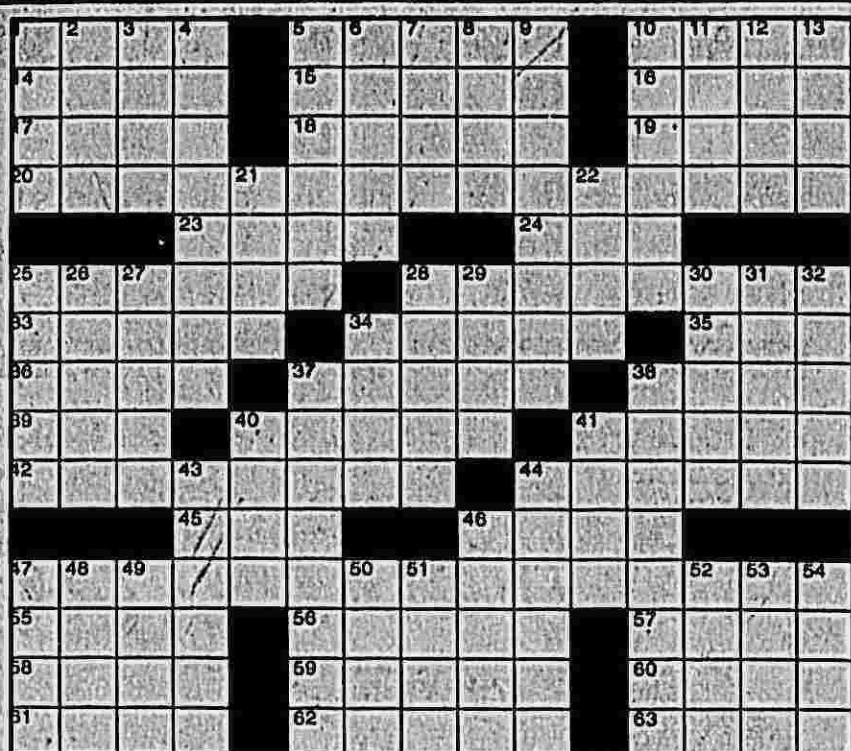


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1. Syrian massacre 1982
5. Hoard
10. Cowbarn (British)
14. Nerve fiber
15. Lightweight triangular scarf
16. Enlarge hole
17. A thorny Eurasian bush with plum-like fruits
18. Sweetheart (archaic)
19. Hybrid fruit with thick wrinkled skin
20. Harry Potter heroine
23. Organization of Central American States
24. Water in the solid state
25. Large stinging paper wasp
28. Provencal verses
33. Covered with ivy
34. Stacks
35. Brew
36. Dunks
37. The City of Light
38. Liberal rights organization
39. Point midway between NE and E
40. Minute tissue opening
41. Japanese deer
42. Alter original state (as in alcohol)
44. Makes a raid
45. Provide with staff
46. Swiss river
47. Headmaster of Hogwarts
55. Gentlemen
56. Co. Buff. : U of C teams
57. Ighiteal: native person
58. Algonquian language
59. SE Sri Lankan seaport
60. Queen of Sparta
61. Popular avocado
62. Get into
63. Sight organs

DOWN

1. Hama
5. Amass
10. Byre



14. Axon
15. Fighu
16. Ream
17. Sloe
18. Leman
19. Ugli
20. Hermione Granger
23. OCAS
24. Ice
25. Hornet
28. Sestinas
33. Iviad
34. Piles
35. Ale
36. Dips
37. Paris
38. ACLU
39. ENE
40. Pores
41. Sikas
42. Denature
44. Forays
45. Man
46. Aare

>> Horoscope

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
This week, your impetuous side shows through, Libra, and your behavior reflects that.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, it takes a big person to know when he or she should ask for help. It's time to ask.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
An impulse decision made a few weeks ago

starts to reveal consequences now. It will take a little while for you to clean up after your mistake, Sagittarius.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, you're in a slump, but it is easy to dig yourself out of this foul mood.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, you have a lock on your finances this

month, so don't be afraid to spend a few dollars.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
There's more to a situation at home than the other person is letting on, Pisces.

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
You are about to take a big leap of faith, Aries, and it involves someone with whom you were once romantically involved.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
When a financial opportunity comes your way, it's hard to pass it by, Taurus. But be careful.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, there's something serious brewing in a relationship with a close friend.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
While most people enjoy your candid advice,

Cancer, something you say will irritate a family member whom you are particularly close to.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, a show of support for a co-worker presents you in a positive light at work.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Resist the urge to pick a fight this week, Virgo, when someone steps on your toes.

>> ElementsOf
TheRidiculousJana
ThompsonSo long,
summer

The middle-schoolers at the bus stop look like extras from "Dawn of the Dead."

Summer is gone. But did you really like this particular summer that much anyway, with its searing heat and psychotic storms? I think Al Gore has something with that global warming thing.

Some of you might think I'm just a Grumpy Gus who can't enjoy the pleasures of long, warm days, but sometimes summer goes awry.

The kind of buzz you don't want
Homer Simpson once said, "The bee bit my bottom! Now my bottom's big!"

When I was 6 years old or so, my family was on vacation. I was bored, and – before stringent seatbelt laws – was bouncing up and down in the back seat.

My parents got annoyed with the ruckus and ordered me to sit still.

Minutes later, I was bouncing again as quietly as I could ... until the bee stung my fanny.

I had plopped down – with some force – on a rather fat, and apparently miffed, bumblebee that stung me with everything it had.

"Yooooooooowwww!"

I still remember how it felt. First burning, searing agony, then total confusion.

This episode was followed by an even more humiliating episode: My parents ordering me to remove my pants at a gas station to inspect the damage.

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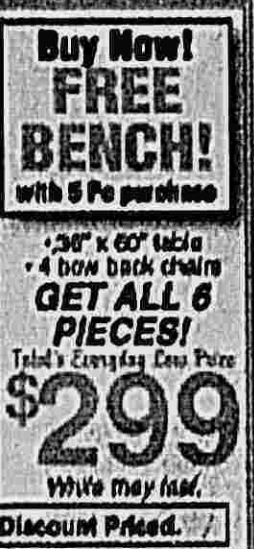
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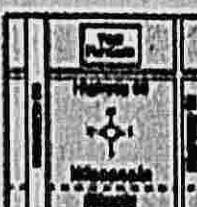
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PREP SCHEDULE: Grant's football team looks to continue its winning streak against Vernon Hills, while other schools try to make playoff runs. **PAGE 8B**

FOOTBALL: Warren's recent 38-6 win over Zion-Benton puts the Blue Devils back in the postseason race. **PAGE 8B**

CROSS COUNTRY: Grant's girls and Grayslake North's boys impress at J.T. Taylor Invitational. **PAGE 9B**

>> Sidelines



Daniel J. Patrick

Running back maintains his football focus

Have you ever had anything completely rule your conscience? Well, I do and its name is Halo 3. I've been a video-gamer for my entire life, and it's just not something that you can stop - even as an adult.

When I was playing sports, I dreamed of coming back home and unwinding with a controller in my hand and a parent/employer/significant other futilely screaming in my ear.

This week, I know someone who really needs a video game break.

Last Thursday, I watched Round Lake's Panthers ride talented running back Ray Bryant like a workhorse against Vernon Hills. Again and again, he ran up the middle, bouncing between holes the line cleared for him. In fact, the offense rode him 45 times for 261 yards and four scores before an ankle injury took him out in the fourth quarter.

"Yeah," Bryant said, "It's mostly right up the middle for me."

On the sidelines, the reporter types marveled at this kid's tenacity and outright endurance throughout the game. Again and again, Bryant bulldozed through defenders and took every last one of their haymaker hits. And just when I was trying to add up all his numbers, I looked up while he made a key tackle on defense.

"The rusty wheels in my head started grinding as I thought, 'Both sides of the ball to go along with about 50 carries? If this kid didn't have to take a bath in gallons of pure Icy Hot after a game, well, he might as well be a genetically-bred super soldier.'"

But the most exciting thing about seeing a kid like this is remembering that he's far from the only one who takes punishment like this on a weekly basis.

Again and again, athletes like this take their pain like champions and rack up amazing numbers. Guys like Bryant, Wauconda's Brad Wisniewski, Antioch's Cameron White, and others are asked to do so much while juggling the responsibilities of school, home, and simply growing up. All the while, they have to avoid distractions like video games.

These guys aren't just stars on the football field, they're stars at just making it through life. So keep it up, Master Chief, I mean, Ray Bryant. And get back up from that injury quickly. In the meantime, I'll be playing a little game called Halo 3.

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>> Football: Grant 21, Wauconda 17

The battle of the unbeatens

Undefeated Grant hands Wauconda first loss

By STEVE PETERSON
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WAUCONDA - The game lived up to the big billing.

When it was all said and done, the folks with the red painted faces went home happier after a 21-17 Grant win over Wauconda in a battle of two previously unbeaten teams.

Grant gained control of the North Suburban Conference Prairie Division and stayed unbeaten leaving Wauconda to regroup during its homecoming week.

Rous and Kozlowski and the staffs got into an argument about the final knee down by Grant quarterback Pavel Zurkowski, but other than that, the ups and downs were for the memory books that night.

"At the end of the game, Kurt Rous and his babies can go home. We're playing to the last whistle," Wauconda coach Glen Kozlowski said. "I give them a lot of credit, and they deserved to win tonight."

Zurkowski scored three touchdowns and rushed for more than 100 yards as Grant led 21-10 in the second half. But Wauconda had its heroes, too, such as star running back Brad Wisniewski's 3-yard touchdown run, and an 80-yard run after a catch by Davis Mills.

Grant's Jordan Welter sealed the win with a sack on Wauconda's last play.

"We had a couple of drives at the end, but we did not convert. Mills had a great game on both sides of the ball," Kozlowski said. "We have five more games left, so we have to get victories. They played good defense tonight. That is what they do."

Rous hopes that the 4-point win will gain Grant a measure of respect throughout the area. The defense will be tested Sept. 28 at Vernon Hills in another NSC-Prairie clash.

Joe Loris had several key runs for Grant as the



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Wauconda linebacker Mike Parat strips the ball from Grant running back Tommy Bychowski Sept. 21 in a game between Grant and Wauconda. Grant won 21-17 to remain undefeated, while Wauconda dropped to 4-1.

visitors ate up the clock time and ball control in the second half. He gained 24 yards on one play, 17 on another.

"Joe is a god. He is a great blocker," Grant's Jim Cramer said. "He's a lineman trapped in back's body."

Zurkowski also praised his teammate.

"I will give him all the credit in the world. The line did great. Loris was picking up first downs at third and long," Zurkowski said. "It feels good."

Zurkowski scored on a 56-yard touchdown jaunt, the first of his three touchdowns.

His big frame proved to be too much for Wauconda defenders. He also scored on runs of 4 and 16 yards.

However, the big win wasn't all peaches for

Grant.

"I see a lot of things that happen in this game, which, unfortunately, it has happened to us in a lot of game," Rous said. "We have been inconsistent. We gave up big plays, like that great call on the screens, I thought we had them down in the first and second quarter, but we let them back in the game."

Wauconda's rally started with a 3-yard touchdown run by Wisniewski, who proved that you could stop him for a while, but not an entire game. Mills's touchdown from Garrett Doresey's pass closed the gap after a Keith Wilson field goal.

"The only thing that I was nervous about was if they scored and we would not have time to answer," Rous said.

>> Football: Vernon Hills 41, Round Lake 28

Round Lake partakes in a scoring battle

Panthers running back, Cougars wide receiver shine in Vernon Hills win

By DANIEL J. PATRICK
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ROUND LAKE - When two players have unbelievable performances, the unfortunate part is that one must be forgotten by numbers on the scoreboard.

Between the more than 250-yard night of Round Lake senior Ray Bryant and Devin Hester-esque returns from Vernon Hills freshman wide receiver DaVaris Daniels, it turns out that it was the freshman's chance to shine. Daniels' Cougars beat Bryant's Panthers 41-28 Sept. 20.

Daniels returned the opening kickoff for 92 yards for a touchdown and also made four catches for 115 yards, including a 39-yard touchdown reception. Perhaps what was most impressive was the fact that it was Daniels' varsity debut.

"We knew that he was something special and he was great for us tonight," Vernon Hills' coach Tony



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Round Lake quarterback Carl Swanson hands off the ball to running back Ray Bryant during a game against Vernon Hills Sept. 21.

Monken said. "We wanted to see how he would do at the sophomore level and we felt that he was not chal-

lenged enough and we wanted to challenge him a bit more. If you would have told me before the season

that I would call up Daniels at this point of the season, I would have said, 'No way.'"

As for Bryant, his 45-carry, 261-yard night might have been overlooked if it wasn't for his four touchdowns that made the game so interesting. After Daniels scored on the opening kickoff, the Bryant-led offense marched right back down the field to tie the game at 7-7 with a 9-yard touchdown run.

Early in the third quarter, the Cougars seemed to have the game well in hand with a 27-7 lead. But then Bryant and the Panthers came back by outscoring Vernon Hills 21-14 in the second half. Round Lake could have scored even more but the Panthers turned the ball over on downs in the redzone.

Despite the miscues, Round Lake coach Doug Moss was happy with his team's effort in the game.

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QuickHitters



Ray Bryant

Ray Bryant - Round Lake

Between Round Lake's Ray Bryant and Wauconda's Brad Wisniewski, the North Suburban Conference Prairie Division has two of the state's top workhorse running backs. But Bryant took "workhorse" to a new level against Vernon Hills as he racked up 261 yards and four touchdowns on 45 carries.



Lindsay Callanan

Lindsay Callanan - Antioch

Antioch Sequoit Lindsay Callanan's team-high five kills against Vernon Hills might not sound like much, but her timing was all that mattered. After a win last Thursday, Callanan and her five kills led the team to a share of the North Suburban Conference Prairie Division.

To nominate a student athlete for Quick Hitters, please send submissions to Daniel J. Patrick at dpatrick@nwnews-group.com.

GameOfTheWeek



Warren Blue Devils



Antioch Sequoits



Grant Bulldogs



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Round Lake Panthers

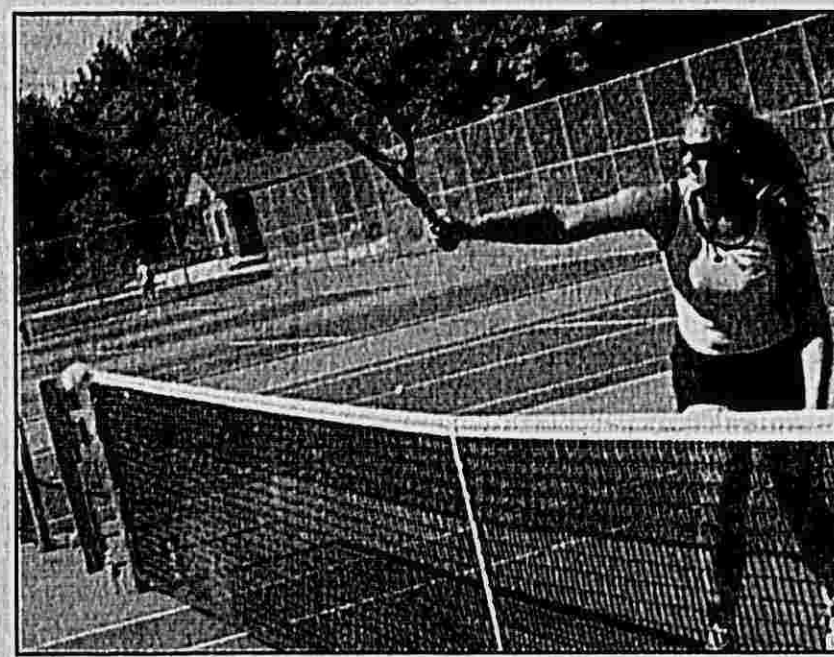


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Girls tennis fans will get a chance to see some of the best our area has to offer at the North Suburban Conference Tournament. The tournament will begin Oct. 4 with first and second singles playing at Antioch while the doubles teams will play at Lakes. The tennis action will continue through Oct. 6 with representatives from Antioch, Grant, Lakes, Libertyville, Mundelein, Round Lake, Warren, Wauconda, and others.

Double trouble



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Kathryn Nettleton, of Grayslake North, returns a volley during a match with doubles partner Bridget Clarke against Johnsburg at the Girls Varsity Tennis Tournament hosted by Lakes Community High School.

>>UpcomingGames

Friday, Sept. 28

Football

Antioch at Round Lake, 7:30 p.m.
Carmel at St. Patrick, 7:30 p.m.
Grant at Vernon Hills, 7:30 p.m.
Grayslake Central at Crystal Lake Central, 7:45 p.m.
Grayslake North at Prairie Ridge, 7:45 p.m.
Libertyville at Mundelein, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 29

Cross Country

Antioch Invitational, 10 a.m.

Football

Lakes at Wauconda, 1 p.m.
Warren at Lake Forest, 1 p.m.

Girls Tennis

Johnsburg Invitational, 9 a.m.
Warren Quad, 9 a.m.

Monday, Oct. 1

Cross Country

Antioch, Grant at Round Lake, 4:30 p.m.
Wauconda at North Chicago, 4:45 p.m.

Boys Soccer

Waukegan at Grant, 6:15 p.m.

Girls Volleyball

Woodstock at Wauconda, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 2

Golf

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Boys Soccer

Antioch at Warren, 4:30 p.m.
Round Lake at Grant, 6:15 p.m.

Girls Tennis

Marengo at Grant, 4:30 p.m.

Girls Volleyball

Round Lake at Grant, 6:15 p.m.
Wauconda at North Chicago, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 3

Girls Tennis

Johnsburg at Wauconda, 4:30 p.m.

>> Football: Warren 35, Zion-Benton 6

Warren playoff hopes still alive

Kennedy impresses again in victory

By STEVE PETERSON
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GURNEE - Were football fans ready for some Thursday night football?

Warren fans seemed to be as many were decked out in various shades of blue and armed with bug spray. And sophomore running back Greg Kennedy, who rushed for 160 yards and three touchdowns in a 35-6 rout of Zion-Benton, also seemed ready.

The win propels Warren back into the playoff picture with four weeks left, at 2-3 overall and 1-1 in the North Suburban Conference Lake Division. Warren is at Lake Forest Sept. 29.

"This is big," Warren coach Dave Mohapp said. "After the loss to Lake Zurich, we wanted to come out focused. But Lake Zurich will make a lot of teams look bad."

Kennedy knows that he is the rookie in a talented group of Warren running backs including senior Aaron Dahlke and junior Marcus Wilson, both of whom also scored touchdowns.

"I get to learn from them this year," Kennedy said.

Kennedy and the offensive line proved they were ready from the first play from scrimmage. Kennedy busted into the Zion secondary and was never challenged in a 79-yard run. A Steve Fox extra point all but settled the issue.

"All the kids ran well," Mohapp said.

Warren junior defensive back Leonard Brady made his presence felt, with two interceptions, and the defense pitched a shutout until the game's waning minutes. The defense also turned back a Zion (0-3, 1-4) drive in the second quarter.

"The defense did a good job against a quarterback that can spread it out and put points on the board," Mohapp said.

Brady's first interception led to a shortened field to the end zone and a 6-yard touchdown run by Wilson for a 14-0 lead.

Kennedy scored from five yards out to cap a 53-yard run

to start the second half for the Blue Devils. Another short drive, due to of a bad snap on a Zion punt, led to the third score by Kennedy, on a 1-yard run late in the third quarter.

Dahlke took over in the fourth quarter, with 53 yards rushing and a 1-yard touchdown scamper.

Warren could not quite get to the 40-point lead and a running clock, but with the efficient ground game, it did not have to.

Most of the home team's fans stayed until the end welcoming the Blue Devils back home and back in contention. They hit the road again Sept. 29, at Lake Forest.

"I said earlier, 'when does the bus leave?'" Mohapp joked after the game. "It is good to play on Thursday, because it gives you a chance to heal up."






"This is big. After the loss to Lake Zurich, we wanted to come out focused."

Dave Mohapp

Warren football coach

WEEKLY PLANNER

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	DETROIT 7:11 p.m. CSN-Plus, ESPN, AM-670	DETROIT 6:05 p.m. CSN, AM-670	DETROIT 1:05 p.m. WGN, AM-670				
		at Chivas USA 9:30 p.m. CSN, AM-1200 (Spanish)					

>> Football: Huntley 48, Grayslake North 21

Huntley runs over Knights

Grayslake North unable to stop ground game in loss

By CHRIS CASAVANT
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GRAYSLAKE - Huntley football coach Steve Graves said he hadn't been too thrilled with the performance of his running backs before Sept. 21's game at Grayslake North. But it was tough to find fault with the Red Raiders performance against the Knights.

Led by Jordan Neukirch and offensive line play, the Red Raiders dominated the line of scrimmage and the scoreboard in a 48-21 victory over winless Grayslake North.

Neukirch carried 10 times for 115 yards and two touchdowns, capitalizing on superior blocking and running over many opposing defenders when they finally reached him.

As a team, Huntley (2-3) rushed for 389 yards. The Red

Raiders scored on their first five possessions, running in all different directions from various formations with a host of backs.

"We were stressing the run game this week," Neukirch said.

"You've got to give all the credit to the offensive line. They were just powering and opening holes left and right."

Quarterback Casey Popenfoose ran for 109 yards, including a 48-yard touchdown. Popenfoose threw only two passes all game, but there was little need for Huntley to throw.

Grayslake North (0-5) had minimal success on the ground, rushing for only 87 yards, including 40 on one play. Quarterback Nick Harrington threw for 185 yards, but he was picked off three times.

Huntley's Austin Drougas scored on the team's opening possession, though it was Neukirch who ran for 61 yards on that drive.

Then after a Popenfoose interception, Neukirch broke free for a 20-yard touchdown run.

Neukirch scored again in the final minute of the first quarter, capping an eight-play drive during which the Red Raiders faced only one third down.

"I thought we'd be able to control them," Grayslake North coach Steve Wood said. "They're very predictable in what they do; but they're good at what they do. We couldn't stop them, and that's frustrating. We feel like we do everything right, and they're just better. Their offense was much, much better than our defense."



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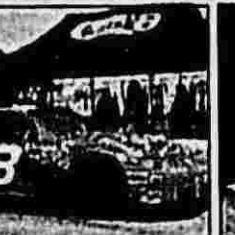
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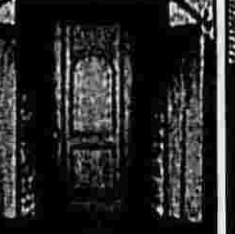
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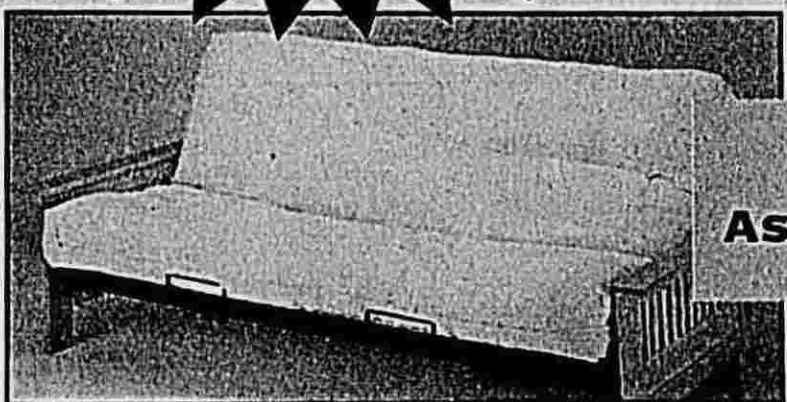
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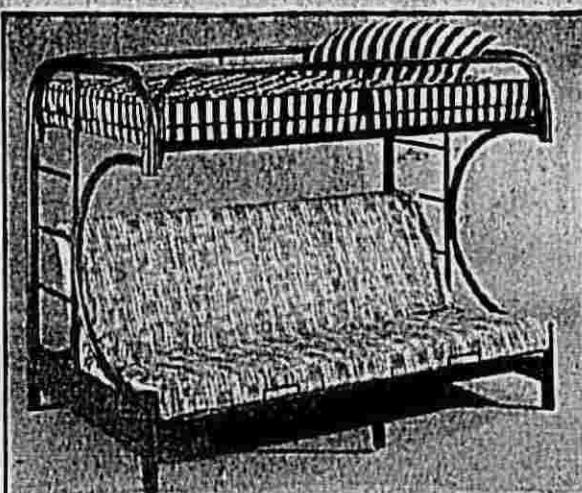
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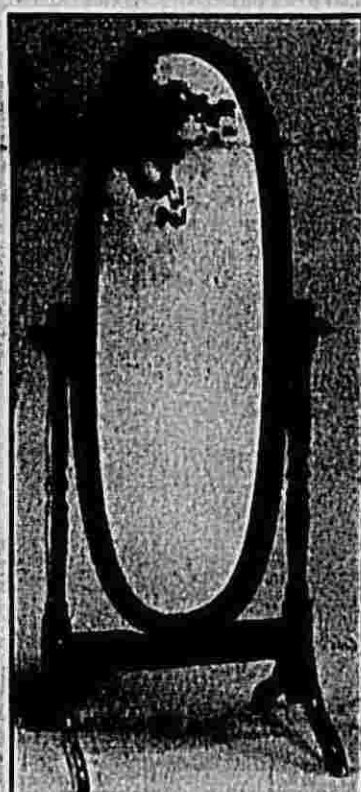
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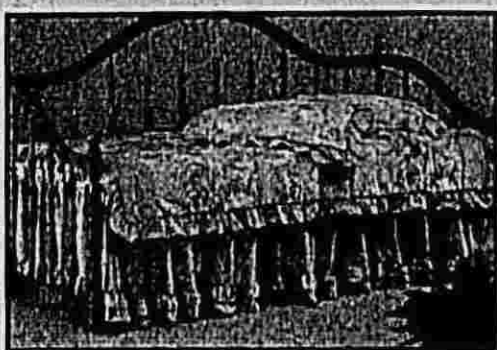
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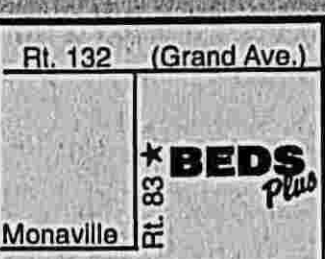
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>> Cross Country: J.T. Taylor Invitational

Grant girls take second at home

Grayslake North finishes first for boys

By STEVE PETERSON
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INGLESIDE - With two runners finishing in the top five, Grant's girls cross country team finished in second place at home for the J.T. Taylor Invitational. The winner of the nine-team 3-mile run was Marengo.

"Kendra Kennedy and Alexis Capps both have finished in the top five pretty

much in every invitational," Grant coach Jeff Durlak said.

Kennedy, a junior, finished in 18:59.03 while Capps was right behind with a 19:00.03, as they finished fourth and fifth in the J.T. Taylor Invitational. Senior Heather Ruetsche finished at 20:41:43 for 20th.

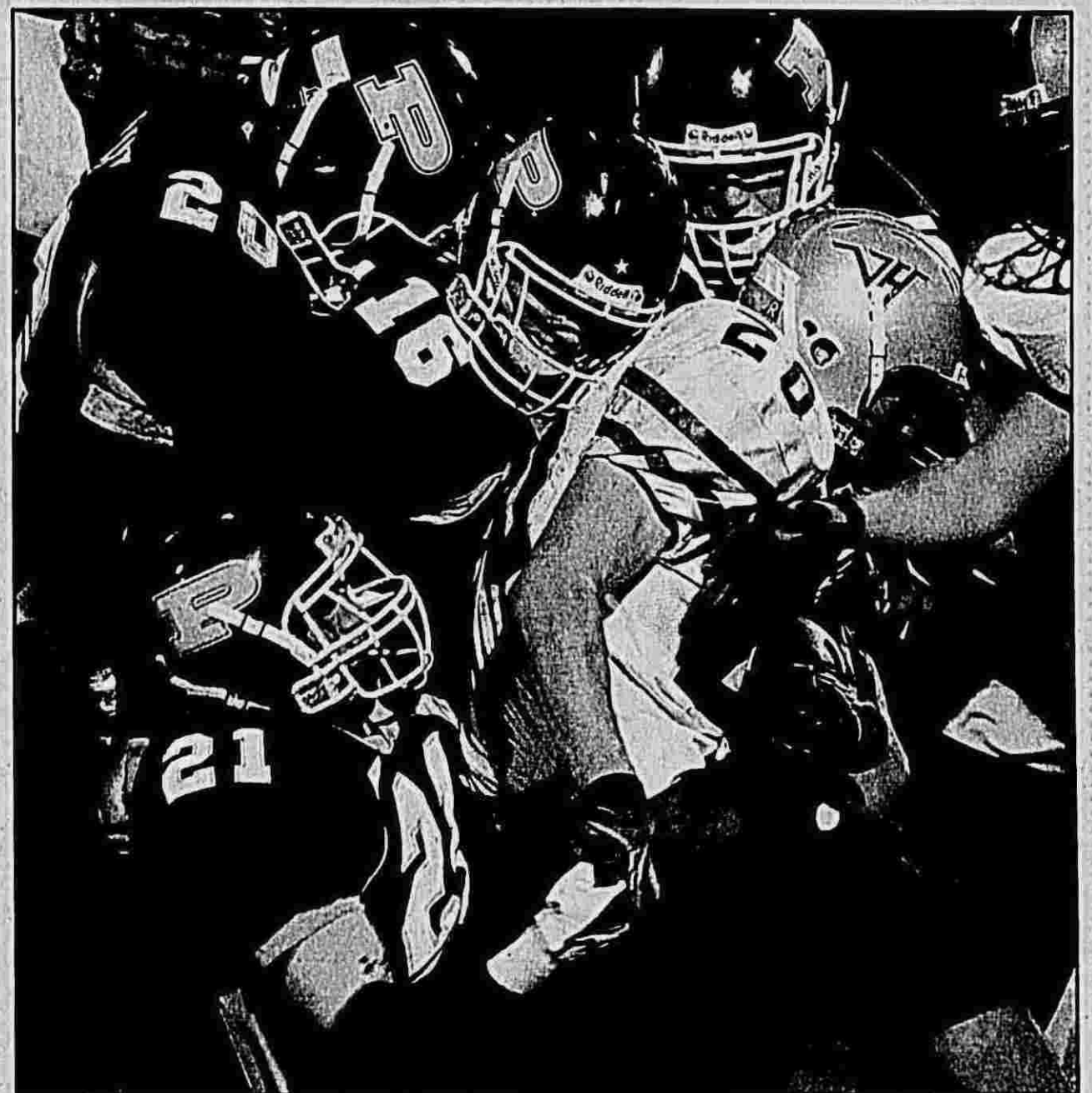
Rachael Dean, a senior from Lakes, was third overall in 18:38.89.

With a 57 score Marengo edged host Grant's 85 points. Grayslake North took third place, while Grayslake Central was sixth with 134, Lakes seventh with 179, Wauconda

ninth with 221, and Round Lake 10th with 272.

In the boys side, Nicholas Lane, of Grayslake North, pace the invitational winning Knights with a 15:40.14. Jared Zygmunt, of Grayslake Central, was third in 16:18.84, followed by Ethan Hahn, of Lakes, in 16:20.21 and Marc Anders, of Wauconda, in 16:30.69.

North won with 70 points, to edge Lakes' 76. Grayslake Central finished with 96 for third, Wauconda had 175 for seventh, Grant 185 for eighth, Round Lake 305 for 11th.



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Round Lake defenders tackle Larry Guerrero, of Vernon Hills, Sept 21. Vernon Hills won the game 41-28.

Round Lake copes with 'tough loss'

• FOOTBALL

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"We fought to the very end and we faced the adversity very well ... but even with all of the adversity, to be in it to the very end is very nice to see as a coach," Moss said.

Round Lake out-gained the Cougars with 401 yards of total offense to Vernon Hills' 387. But Daniels' 115 receiving yards on four strikes from P.J.

Marsek solidified a Cougars win. That, and a heaping helping of costly Round Lake penalties.

Bryant broke off touchdown runs of three, five, nine, and 26 yards to put up all of the Panthers' 28 points. Meanwhile, Round Lake quarterback Carl Swanson passed for 92 yards and had one interception on a 7-for-12 night.

"It's really tough to lose a game like that," Bryant said.

"It's really difficult, especially when you get scored on in the kickoff, but you have to focus."

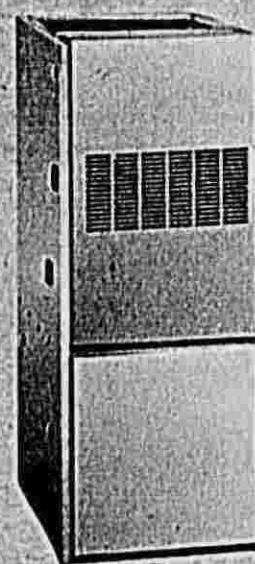
With the loss, Round Lake dropped to 1-4 and 0-2 in the North Suburban Conference Prairie Division while Vernon Hills improved to 3-2 and 2-0 in the Prairie.

But Bryant's outlook on his own game plan was simple, "I just went out there and ran."

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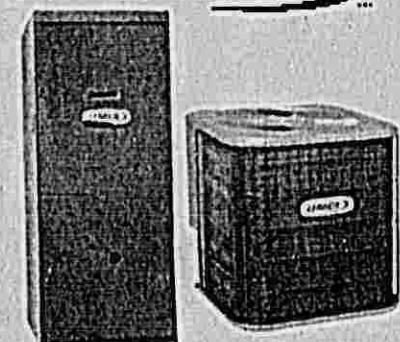
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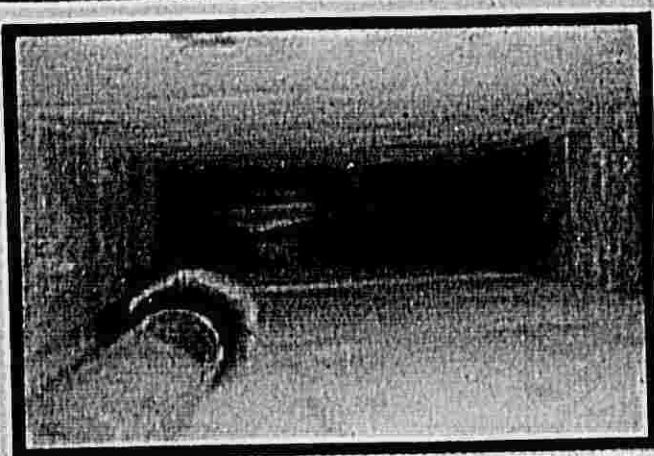
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By LESLIE GLAZIER-WERNER
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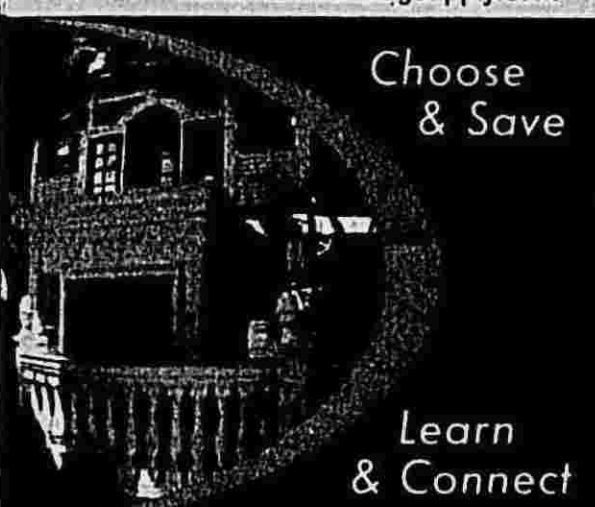
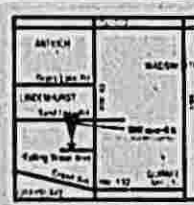
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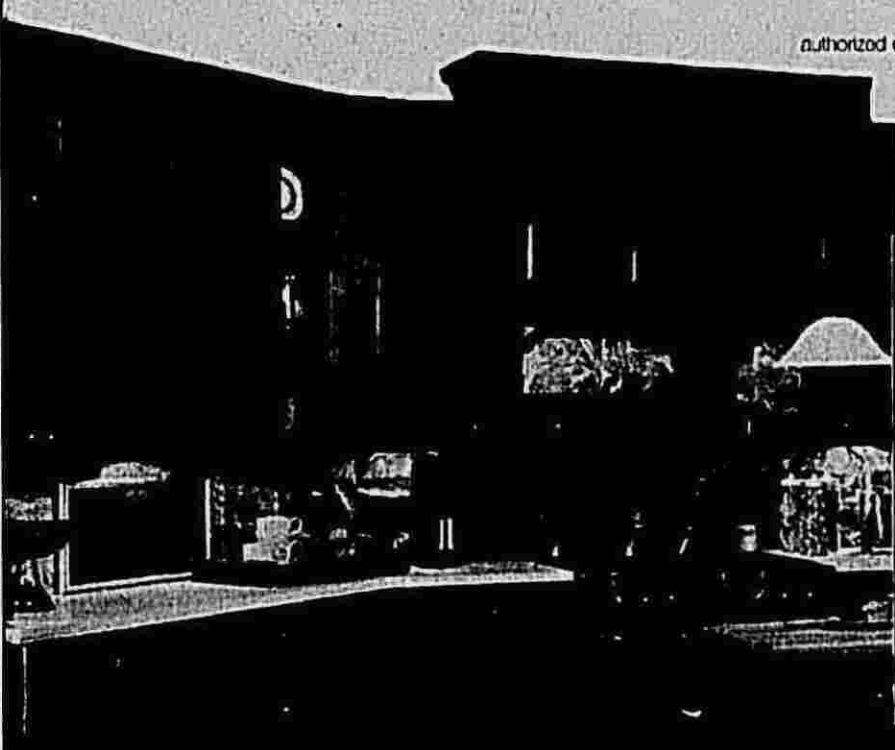
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North Siders still true underdogs

CHICAGO - Pity those poor Brewers.

They are Milwaukee's best, only three games behind the Cubs in these waning days of the NL Central race. They are trying to reverse a history that includes no playoff appearances since 1982, no winning season since '92 and a blown 8 1/2-game lead earlier this year. With a relatively modest payroll of \$71 million, they are the type of baseball team that most sports types normally would be exalting and pulling for.

Just not over the Cubs, of course.

That's the strange part about this soon-to-be-over pennant chase.

Framed against the Cubs, the Brewers are the bad guys. They're Darth Vader with a leg extended into the aisle or a group of University of Florida cops armed with eager Tasers. In the eyes of many outside the 262 and 414 area codes, and especially among the TV suits at Fox, Milwaukee is viewed as the playoff booby prize, here only to spoil the fun.

For those who consider Paul Molitor a patron saint, this situation is regarded with a fair amount of consternation. Can't a true underdog be thrown at least half a bone, they ask? As Milwaukee fans point out, the Brewers are the small-market strugglers while the Cubs are the large-market behemoth who might soon sell for close to \$1 billion.

The fans think the current



Kevin Kaduk

order makes no sense because rooting for the Cubs would be like cheering for the Yankees to hold off the Devil Rays. It simply defies sports logic.

It's easy to see why those north of the border think the Cubs are millionaires standing in a bread line. The team spent \$300 million in the off-season and again opened the checkbook for more than \$90 million when Carlos Zambrano needed to be paid. The team and Wrigley Field form a veritable cash machine and when it comes to spending money, the Cubs are up there with the Yankees, Mets and Red Sox. They play in the nation's third-largest city and in front of an adoring nation on a superstation. They have many advantages the Brewers don't.

The only problem with those arguments is that spending large has never brought the Cubs a World Series championship. Neither has playing in Chicago for the past 98 years or being on WGN for more than two decades. Ever hear the saying that money (or being owned by a deep-pocketed conglomerate) can't buy happiness? It was probably first uttered by a Cubs fan.

(Plus, it's not like the

Brewers are bouncing paychecks to Prince Fielder or Ryan Braun. With one home stand to go, more than 2.6 million fans have flocked to Miller Park this year. Presumably the team is still charging for tickets and beer.)

The truth is, the Cubs have worked hard to stink for this long and attract - logically or not - the sympathy of a sports public hoping to see them win at least once in their lifetimes.

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But at some point they also have to acknowledge that it's possible to be a loser and still drive a nice car. If anybody has perfected that act, it's the team that's hogging what should usually be the Brewers' spotlight.

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>> HometownSports

CLC sports banquet to name hall of fame inductees

Joe Newton will deliver the keynote address at the College of Lake County Foundation's Keith Ryan Scholarship Fund and Sports Banquet at Midlane Country Club in Wadsworth on Thursday, Oct. 4. The program will begin with a reception at 6 p.m. and then a dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$50 a person or \$360 for a table of eight. The banquet will recognize inductees in the Lake County High

Schools Sports Hall of Fame and the Waukegan (Little Fort) Lions Club Sports Hall of Fame for 2007.

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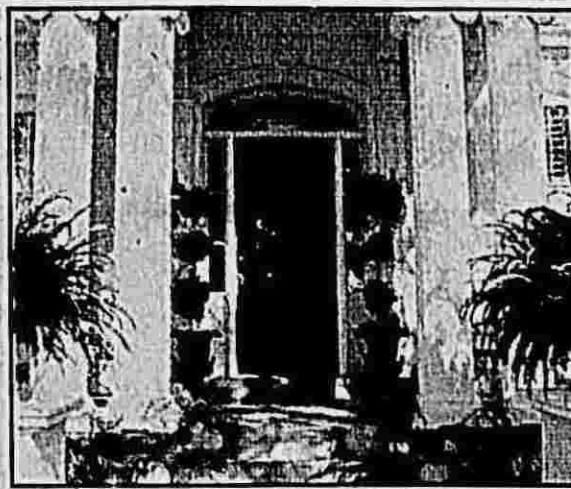
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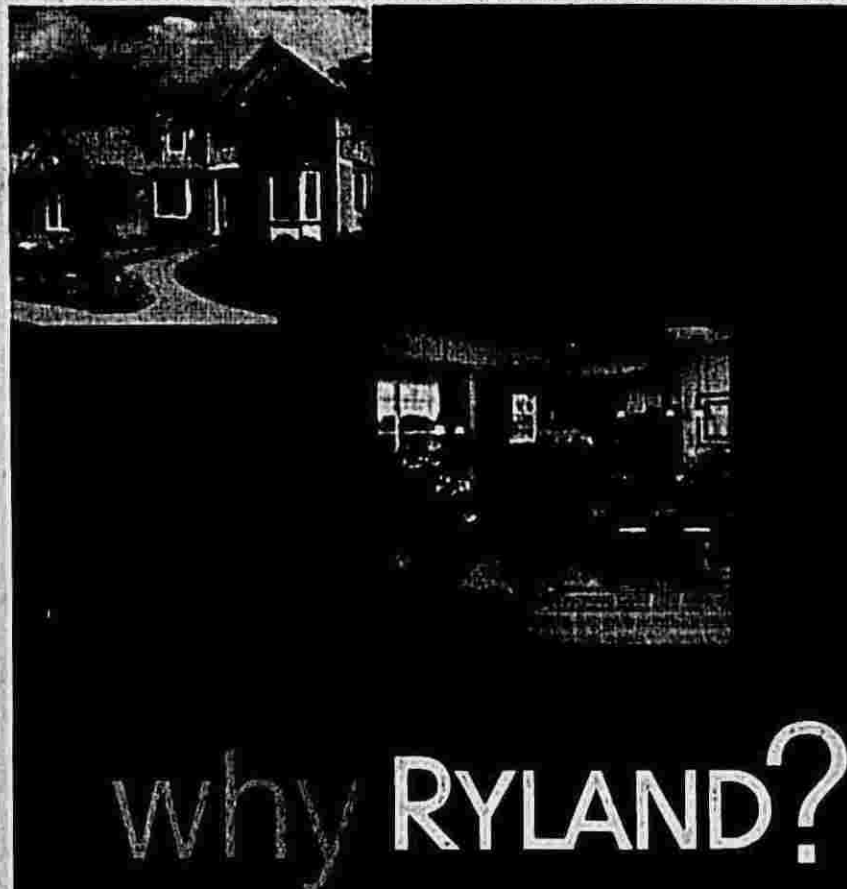
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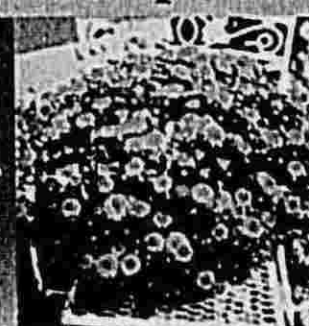


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By MARY CAROL GARRITY

Scraps Howard News Service
Like most retailers, I'm crazy busy in the fall. My calendar is filled with events. Even though life is insane this time of year, fall is my absolute favorite season. Atchison, the historic Kansas river town I call home, is filled with drop-dead gorgeous trees on fire with red, orange and gold leaves. I will never forget the year autumn passed me by. I was working about a million hours a week, leaving for my store before the sun came up and arriving home long after it set. One afternoon I stepped outside and, to my horror, realized the trees had shed their brilliant leaves. Autumn had come and gone, and I'd missed it all. I vowed then and there that I would never let this gorgeous sea-

son get past me again.

I always start by filling my house with the yummy colors and rich textures of fall. The upholstered furnishings in my living room are covered in a creamy white fabric so I can completely change their look simply by switching accessories. All it takes is a paisley throw and some plump pillows covered in a weighty fabric like hound's tooth plaid, and your sofa is ready for fall.

At the roadside pumpkin patch, I load up on my favorite fall decorating pieces: gaggles of gourds and piles of pumpkins. The odder they're shaped, the more I like them. Armed with this harvest of gourds, yards of faux bittersweet and reams of bare honeysuckle vines, I use nature's bounty to brighten my home, inside and out.

When decorating your home's exterior, think of your front door as a blank canvas just waiting for a killer presentation. Instead of hanging a ho-hum wreath, why not surprise visitors by incorporating unconventional items into your display, such as an oil painting, a mirror or a lantern? Add in tendrils of fall berries and a beautiful accent ribbon, and you've got a head-turning look guests won't soon forget.

In your foyer, greet guests with a floral arrangement with a seasonal twist. For a fast and easy display on your entry table, fill a tall, twiggy basket with fallen branches and sprays of faux berries.

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(MS) — As long as there has been wood to burn, man has used it to stay warm. Our predecessors who discovered fire had the edge on a renewable heating source that is not only cost-effective, but also an environmentally friendly way to heat the home.

Still, many of today's homeowners rely primarily on gas, propane and oil to heat their homes rather than looking to wood. Why? It could be because they don't have the facts about burning wood efficiently and the home heating products that help toward that end.

Here is some information about using wood to heat your home that may surprise you.

1. Wood is environmentally friendly. It may seem that cutting down trees for fuel would be counterproductive to the "green" movement. However, trees are a renewable resource that, like other biomass, is carbon neutral. While growing, trees absorb carbon dioxide; when they die they release carbon dioxide regardless of whether they burn or decompose. Fossil fuels by comparison are a one-way street, releasing greenhouse gasses in a matter of minutes that have been captured deep in the earth over millions of years.

2. Wood can save money. When burning logs in the new generation of high efficiency hydronic furnaces (or wood boilers), like those offered by Greenwood Technologies, the heat generated is more intense and little is lost up the chimney. These furnaces can be used in lieu of standard heating systems featuring gas or oil during the heating months, or as an add-on when homeowners prefer to use other heating sources as their primary method of heating. This reduced need for oil, propane and natural gas means a reduction in monthly heating bills. In fact, many homeowners using a Greenwood system have seen energy bills reduced by up to 70 percent during winter months. One of these furnaces pays for itself in energy bill savings in just a few years.

3. Wood can be a clean way to provide heat. There are plenty of people who have wrestled with cords of wood to stock wood-burning stoves or fireplaces, only to find that the mess left behind in the way of trailed bark and ashes leaves much to be desired. However, homeowners who use the next generation wood boilers, like the Greenwood will find that there is little to no mess involved. That's because they burn wood at such a high temperature (2000 F) that no discernable smoke is created. What's more, because of the high burn temperature, very little ash is generated, meaning the firebox only has to be cleaned once a month rather than once a day. Also, the furnace can be installed indoors or outside and be set up to heat the entire home.

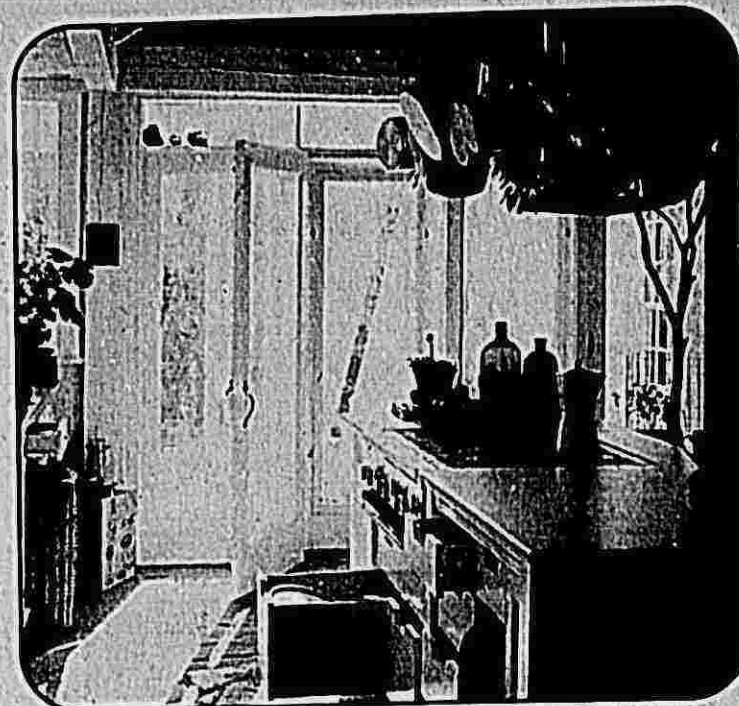
Cozy, country kitchen

(MS) — Country kitchens have been popular through the years and continue to be enjoyed today. The simple country kitchen is just that: simple. Colors coordinate and there isn't much in the way of fancy patterns or ornate stone. Tiles may be all white or cream, and dinnerware in one shade is neatly displayed. Architectural details or period enhancements are often commonplace in country

kitchens. For example, an exposed brick wall or ceiling rafters add to the charm. Foliage and a fresh-air feeling are other ways to impart a country ambience. Modern appliances that only look like antiques help blend in with the décor but bring top-notch function to the room.

The simple country look is just one of many design options for kitchen renovations. To get more ideas and

see detailed photography and design descriptions, consider the book "Kitchens: A Design Source Book" (Ryland, Peters & Small) by Vinny Lee, with photography by James Merrell. The room at left is one of the kitchens the book highlights, where the rafters and beams, and an abundance of foliage, add to the country feeling.



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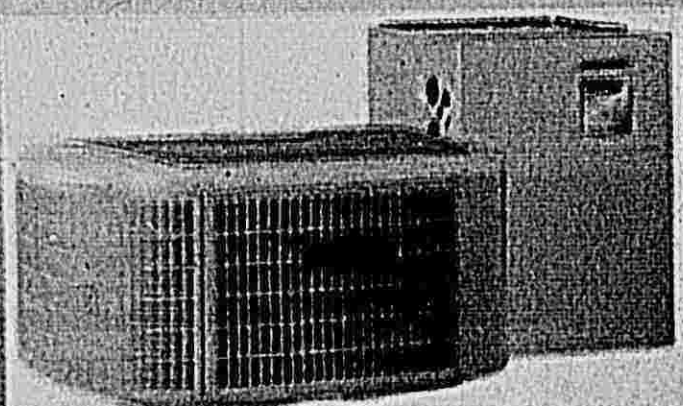
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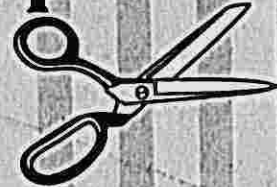
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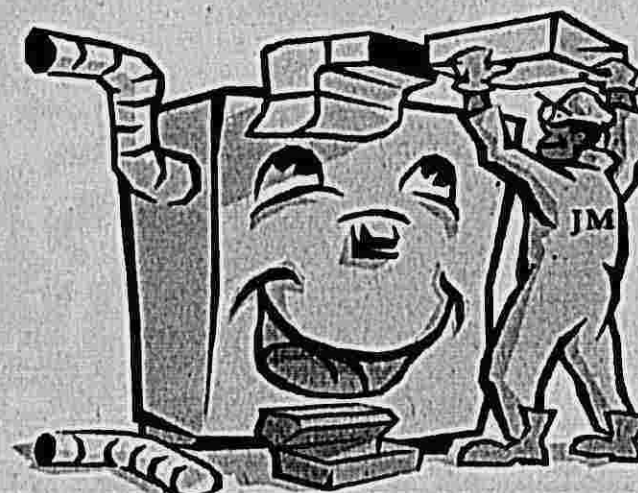
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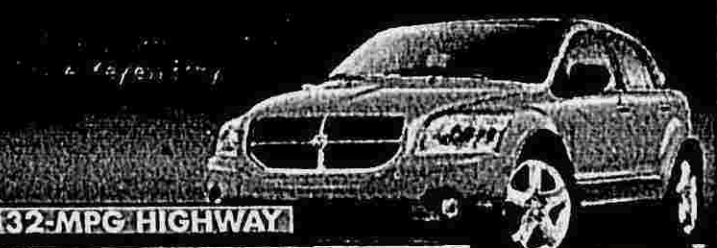
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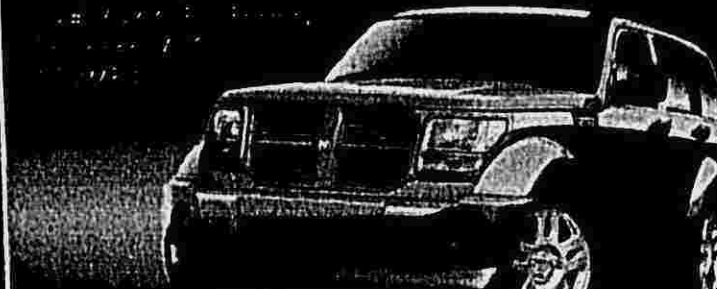
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On Monday, October 15, 2007 at 6:30 p.m., a meeting conducted by Round Lake Area School District #118 will take place at the Round Lake High School Library. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the district's plans for providing special education services to students with disabilities who attend private schools and home schools within the district for the 2007-08 school year. If you are a parent of a home-schooled student who has been or may be identified with a disability and you reside within the boundaries of Round Lake Area School District #118, you are urged to attend. If you have further questions pertaining to this meeting, please contact Dr. Wynne Kell at 847-270-9454. (Published in the Round Lake Journal, September 28, 2007.)

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NAME APPLICATION
Name of Business: FIVE STAR CLEANERS Nature/Purpose: Dry Cleaning & Laundry Service Address(es) where business is to be conducted or residence address(es) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting business: 1533 S. Lake St., Mundelein, IL 60060, 847-566-2333

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Received: September 25, 2007
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NAME APPLICATION
Name of Business: THE HOME DECOR GALLERY Nature/Purpose: Online Retail of Home Products Address(es) where business is to be conducted or residence address(es) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting business: 1216 Edgewood Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045, 847-615-1620

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NAME APPLICATION
Name of Business: HYOBOK HAN, 1120 W. Nichols Dr., Arlington Hts, IL 60004 Nature/Purpose: STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF LAKE This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location (s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting business is/are correct as shown.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NAME APPLICATION
Name of Business: EMPLOYEE BENEFIT RESOURCES Nature/Purpose: Insurance Address(es) where business is to be conducted or residence address(es) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting business: Michael Alexander, 215 Highland Drive, Mundelein, IL 60060, 847-840-9516

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NAME APPLICATION
Name of Business: GENERAL HEATING AND COOLING Nature/Purpose: HVAC Installer, Technician Address(es) where business is to be conducted or residence address(es) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting business: Ted Lang, 35010 Ingleside Drive, Ingleside, IL 60041, 630-249-3678

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ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME APPLICATION

Name of Business: NORTHWOODS CONSTRUCTION

Nature/Purpose: Home Repair and Maintenance

Address(es) where business is to be conducted or transacted in this county:

3 Canterbury Ln, Hawthorn Woods, IL 60047, 312-405-1512

Name(s) and post office or residence address(es) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting business:

Victor Ponto, 3 Canterbury Ln, Hawthorn Woods, IL 60047, 312-405-1512

STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF LAKE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location (s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.

/s/ Victor Ponto September 14, 2007

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 14th day of September, 2007.

OFFICIAL SEAL /s/ Claudia C. Rodriguez Notary Public Received: September 13, 2007

Willard R. Helander Lake County Clerk (Published in the Lake County Journals, September 21, 28 & October 5, 2007.)

ASSUMED NAME

PUBLIC NOTICE

ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME APPLICATION

Name of Business: NOTARY SERVICES

Nature/Purpose: Notary Services, application support, translation

Address(es) where business is to be conducted or transacted in this county:

733 Wildwood Ave., Mundelein, IL 60060, 847-393-7508

Name(s) and post office or residence address(es) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting business:

Irene Hampton, 733 Wildwood Ave., Mundelein, IL 60060, 847-393-7508

STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF LAKE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location (s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.

/s/ Irene Hampton September 10, 2007

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 24th day of September, 2007.

OFFICIAL SEAL /s/ Myrle G. Negton Notary Public Received: September 19, 2007

Willard R. Helander Lake County Clerk (Published in the Lake County Journals, September 14, 21 & 28, 2007.)

ASSUMED NAME

PUBLIC NOTICE

ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME APPLICATION

Name of Business: RETIRE AT 55.NET

Nature/Purpose: 401(K) Investment advice

Address(es) where business is to be conducted or transacted in this county:

2507 Bluewater Dr., Wauconda, IL 60084 847-487-0494

Name(s) and post office or residence address(es) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting business:

Erik S. Greissinger, 2507 Bluewater Dr., Wauconda, IL 60084 847-487-0494

STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF LAKE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location (s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.

/s/ Erik S. Greissinger September 4, 2007

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 4th day of September, 2007.

OFFICIAL SEAL /s/ Stephanie J. Martinez Notary Public Received: September 4, 2007

Willard R. Helander Lake County Clerk (Published in the Lake County Journals, September 14, 21 & 28, 2007.)

ASSUMED NAME

PUBLIC NOTICE

ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME APPLICATION

Name of Business: STI

Nature/Purpose: Surge suppressors

Address(es) where business is to be conducted or transacted in this county:

100 S. Algonquin Rd., Suite 116, Grayslake, IL 60030, 847-231-3119

Name(s) and post office or residence address(es) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting business:

Gerald R. White, 100 S. Algonquin Rd., Suite 116, Grayslake, IL 60030, 847-231-3119

STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF LAKE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location (s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.

/s/ Gerald R. White September 6, 2007

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 6th day of September, 2007.

OFFICIAL SEAL /s/ Carl Butler Notary Public Received: September 6, 2007

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ASSUMED NAME

PUBLIC NOTICE

ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME APPLICATION

Name of Business: ATTEND COLLEGE ONLINE

Nature/Purpose: "Business", "Paralegal", "Computers", "Criminal Justice", Job Placement Assistance, Financial Aid and computer provided if qualified.

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Smell expert finds offensive odors change mood while driving

(MF) — "In our daily travels, we are affected by a number of smells — from excessive air pollution to local oil refineries, landfills and farms. The No. 1 odor people dislike most is the smell of fish, which we often experience when driving near waterfronts," said Dr. Alan Hirsch, M.D., a neurologist and psychiatrist at the Smell & Taste Research and Treatment Foundation in Chicago.

"My studies suggest that ambient odors are more than unpleasant, they can produce various negative effects on behavior and physical health. Smells can affect mood faster

than any other sense. They can be distracting, especially while driving," continued Hirsch.

Odors and airborne particles can enter the passenger compartment through the vehicle's ventilation system causing air inside the car to be more polluted than the outside air.

Hirsch says one way for drivers to help improve air quality in the passenger compartment is by installing a cabin air filter with an odor neutralizer like the FRAM Fresh Breeze cabin air filter. By 2012, more than 100 million vehicles will have a cabin air filter and they need

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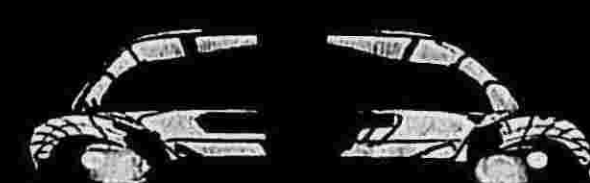
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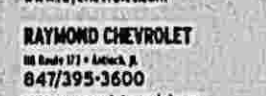
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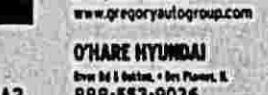
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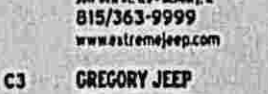
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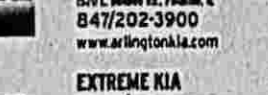
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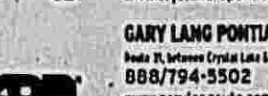
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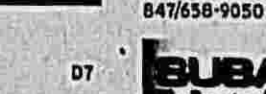


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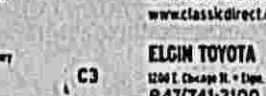
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MPG figures to be revised

(MS) — Apart from sticker price and cost of accessories, many car shoppers are interested in another number: the miles-per-gallon estimate advertised on the vehicle. After all, in a world with continually rising fuel costs and environmental impact from fossil and diesel fuels, drivers are very interested in the ways they can curb costs in

an eco-friendly way.

Up until now, the MPG estimates were based on old driving habits first identified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 1970. Obviously things have changed since then, most notably the speed limits and the amount of stop-and-go traffic drivers face on a daily basis — both of which

decrease fuel economy. This means that current estimates are inaccurate for today's driving situations, and much higher than what's really occurring.

Beginning this fall, the EPA will incorporate modern driving conditions into their tests for MPG averages. The new estimates will be included on all 2008 model cars.

Some notable changes to the testing will include aggressive driving, use of air conditioning and, because weather can affect fuel economy, some tests will be conducted in cold weather situations. Across the board, estimates will be lower than previously advertised. Keep in mind that the MPG numbers are just estimates and will vary depending upon

individual driving habits.

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In addition to choosing a vehicle with good fuel economy, there are driving techniques to follow to further conserve fuel.
• Avoid aggressive driving: Not only is aggressive driving dangerous, it can eat up fuel. Frequent acceleration and sharp stops can reduce fuel

economy by 33 percent.

• Observe the speed limit: Fuel economy declines over speeds of 60 miles per hour.
• Avoid excessive idling: Turn the car off when you're idling for extended periods of time.
• Set the cruise control: Let the car do the work for you and maintain a constant speed.

Texting is the newest driving risk

(MS) — As technology continues to advance, the opportunities for distractive driving also increase.

In the past attention to the road may have waned when drivers changed radio stations or cassette tapes. Things improved with the advent of multiple-CD changers, satellite radio, and steering-wheel mounted controls. Then mobile phones became headline makers as law-enforcement officials and insurance companies pondered over the increased risk of accidents presented by talking while driving. Today talking on a cell phone without a hands-free device could land you with a traffic ticket.

But there is another technological attention-seeker that is causing trouble on the roadways. Text-messaging, or "texting," is the latest form of communication causing drivers to take their eyes off of the road, with consequences. A new poll conducted in August by Harris Interactive found that 91 percent of respondents feel that texting while driving is dangerous — along the lines of driving while intoxicated — more than 57 percent of Americans admit to doing it.

The age group doing the most texting while driving is the 18 to 34 demographic, making up 64 percent of texters, according to research.

Stoplights and stop signs present opportunities to check messages and reply. However, many others are using PDAs and cell phones for texting while in the throes of moving traffic.

Washington was the first state to pass a ban on texting while driving. California, New York and Florida are considering similar legislation to deter texting and accidents.

Texting is already a suspected cause of driving accidents. In July 2007, 17-year-old Bailey Goodman was killed at 10:00 p.m. along with four other friends when her SUV swerved into traffic and slammed into a truck in a Rochester, NY suburb. The SUV burst into flames, killing the passengers, all of whom were recent high-school graduates. Police reports indicate that text messages were sent back and forth from Goodman's phone moments before the accident occurred, but they cannot confirm if she was doing the texting. Routine tests ruled out alcohol as a factor and police don't suspect drug use was involved. It is speculated that distraction from texting may be a contributor to the crash. Goodman held a junior license and she wasn't supposed to be driving at night with so many passengers, according to New York law.

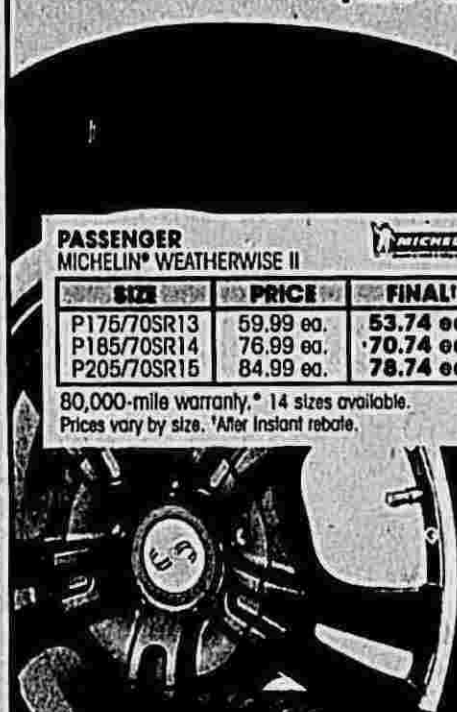
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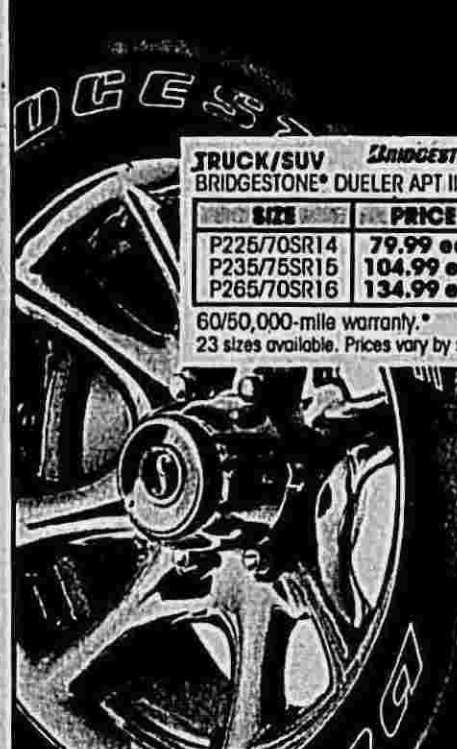
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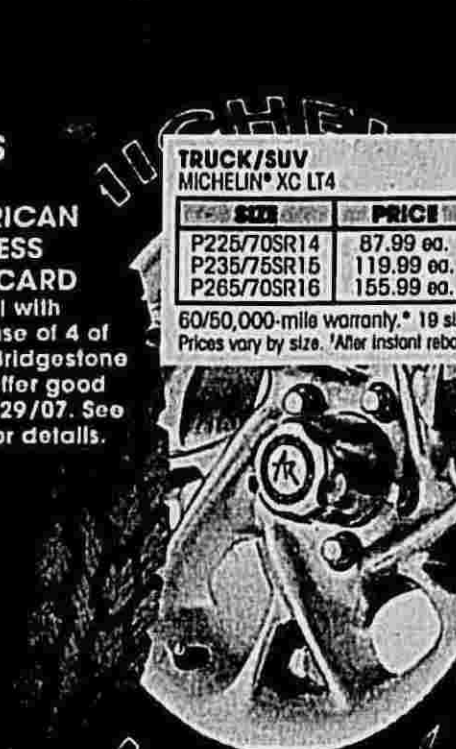
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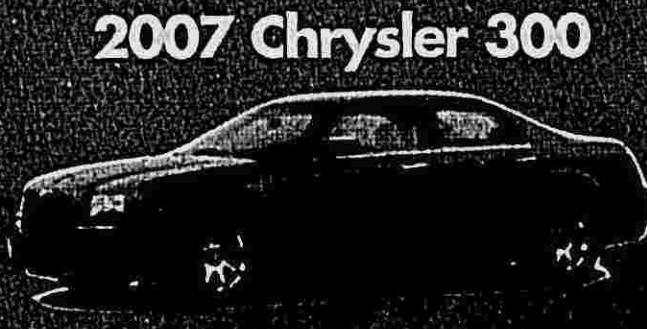
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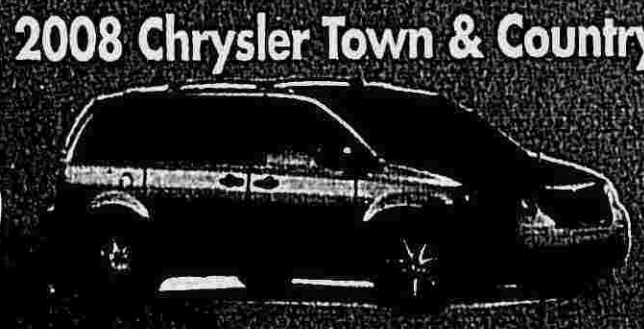
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from Maidenform®,
barely there®, Warner's®,
Ball® & Vanity Fair®.
Reg. \$27-\$30
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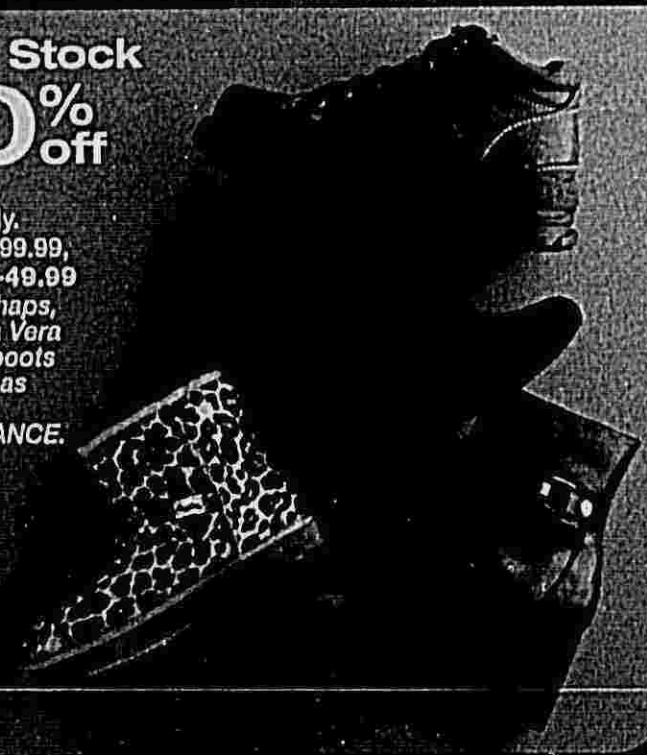


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Entire Stock
50% off

Boots
for the family.
Orig. 34.99-99.99,
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Excludes Chaps,
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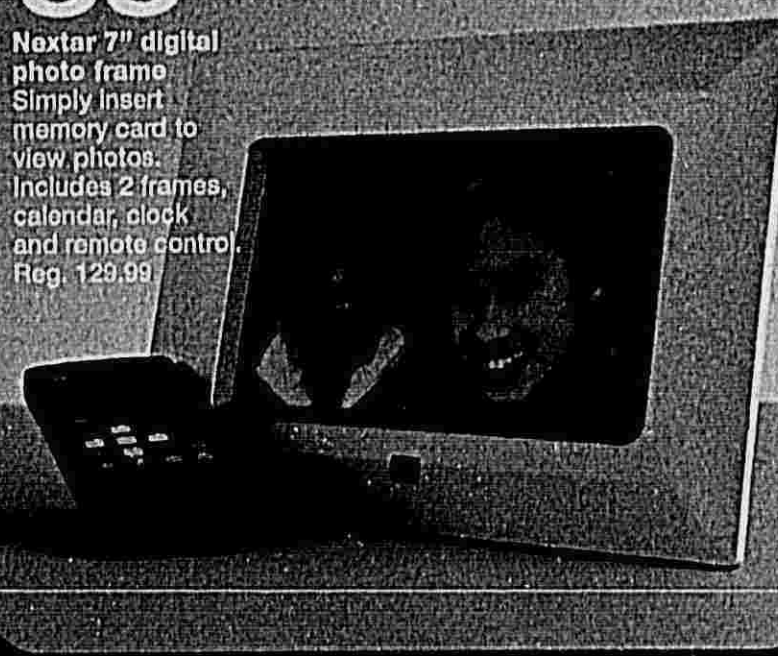


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photo frame
Simply insert
memory card to
view photos.
Includes 2 frames,
calendar, clock
and remote control
Reg. 129.99



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croft & barrow

NIGHT OWLS **EARLY BIRDS**

50-60% off

access, Stamp 10, Nino & Co., AB Studio and daisy fuentes® collections for misses, petites and women. Orig. \$20-\$74, sale \$10-\$37. Selected styles.

NIGHT OWLS **EARLY BIRDS**

extra 15% off all sterling silver jewelry **already 60% off**

19.99 ea. Final Price

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Relic

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NIGHT OWLS **EARLY BIRDS**

Entire Stock 26.99

Corduroy pants from Gloria Vanderbilt® and Leo® for misses. Orig. \$40

Gloria Vanderbilt

NIGHT OWLS **EARLY BIRDS**

Entire Stock 50-60% off

Oh Baby!® by Motherhood® maternity apparel. Orig. \$16-\$48, sale \$8-\$24

Oh Baby!

NIGHT OWLS **EARLY BIRDS**

Entire Stock 50% off

Jumpers, dresses and dressy bottoms for juniors. Orig. \$24-\$68, sale \$12-\$34. Excludes collections.

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NIGHT OWLS **EARLY BIRDS**

Entire Stock 40-50% off

Collections for girls 4-16.

NIGHT OWLS **EARLY BIRDS**

55% off

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NIGHT OWLS **EARLY BIRDS**

Entire Stock 22.99

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UNIONBAY

NIGHT OWLS **EARLY BIRDS**

39.99 Queen or King

4-pc. Jacquard comforter set. Includes comforter, 2 shams & bedskirt. Orig. 99.99

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apt. 9® sportswear for misses, petites and women. Orig. \$20-\$90, sale 7.99-44.99. Selected styles.

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NIGHT OWLS **EARLY BIRDS**

40-60% off entire stock

collections for juniors. Orig. \$24-\$68, sale 14.40-40.80

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NIGHT OWLS **EARLY BIRDS**

50% off entire stock

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Tony Hawk® apparel for boys 4-20 & young men.

NIGHT OWLS **EARLY BIRDS**

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access

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SONOMA life+style

NIGHT OWLS **EARLY BIRDS**

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Home Classics® 12-pk. washcloths. Orig. 7.99

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Fine fragrance for him. Reg. 4.50-75.00, sale 3.82-63.75

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Entire Stock 50% off

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barely there

NIGHT OWLS **EARLY BIRDS**

Entire Stock 50-60% off

Handbags, handbag accessories and belts for her. Orig. 15.00-98.50, sale 7.50-49.25. Excludes Simply Vera Vera Wang.

NIGHT OWLS **EARLY BIRDS**

Entire Stock 40-55% off

Athletic shoes for the family from Reebok®, Tony Hawk®, Avia®, L.A. Gear® and Converse®. Orig. 39.99-69.99, sale 23.99-41.09

Reebok

NIGHT OWLS **EARLY BIRDS**

Entire Stock 50-60% off

Sport shirts for men from Croft & Barrow® and William®. Orig. \$24-\$40, sale 11.99-19.99

croft & barrow

NIGHT OWLS **EARLY BIRDS**

Entire Stock 50-60% off

Casual and dress pants for men from SONOMA life+style®, Axis® and Croft & Barrow®. Orig. \$40-\$75, sale 20.00-37.50

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Selected styles



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Orig. \$12-\$24, sale \$6-\$12
Selected styles

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for juniors.
Orig. \$25-\$40,
sale 16.80-
20.00
Excludes
collections.

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fashion jeans
and casual &
corduroy pants
for juniors.
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sale 14.99-18.99



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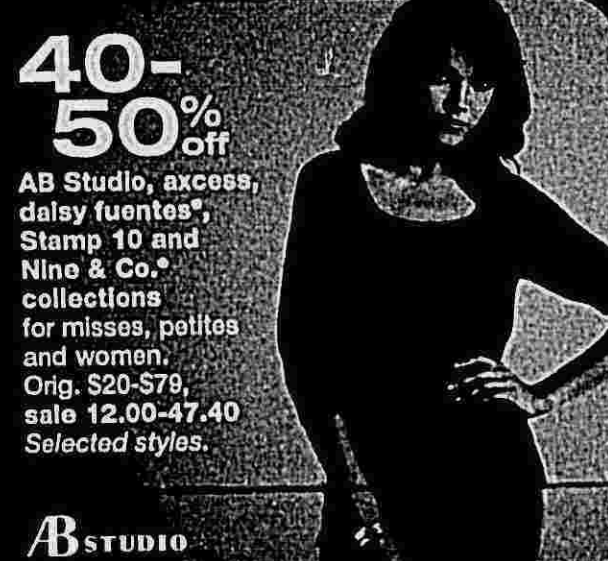
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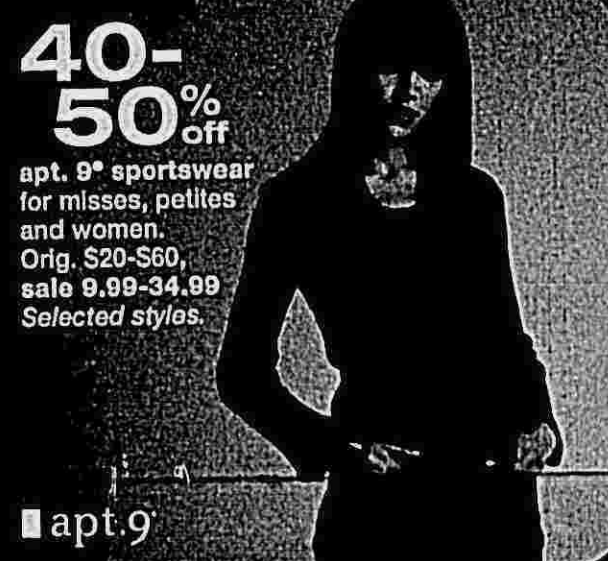


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for misses, petites and women.
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Selected styles.



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AB Studio, access,
daisy fuentes®,
Stamp 10 and
Nine & Co.®
collections
for misses, petites
and women.
Orig. \$20-\$79,
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Selected styles.

ABSTUDIO



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and women.
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Selected styles.

apt. 9



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Nike®, adidas®,
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N.Y.L.®, Fu Da®, apt. 9®
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sport active and
fitnesswear
for misses,
Orig. \$12-\$50,
sale \$6-\$40
Selected styles.

Nike



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Petites® sportswear
from daisy fuentes®,
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and more. Orig. \$12-\$50,
sale 10.00-38.00
Selected styles.

petites®

daisy fuentes

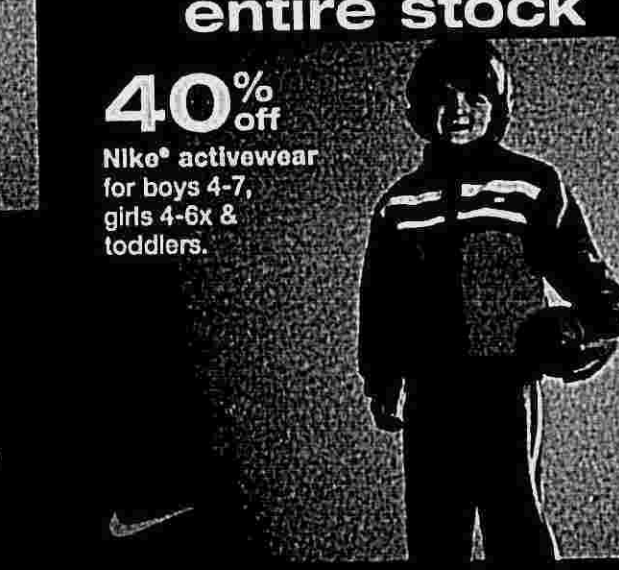


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Excludes collections.

My Michelle



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Fashion tops
for girls 4-16.
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collections
& active.



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girls 4-6x &
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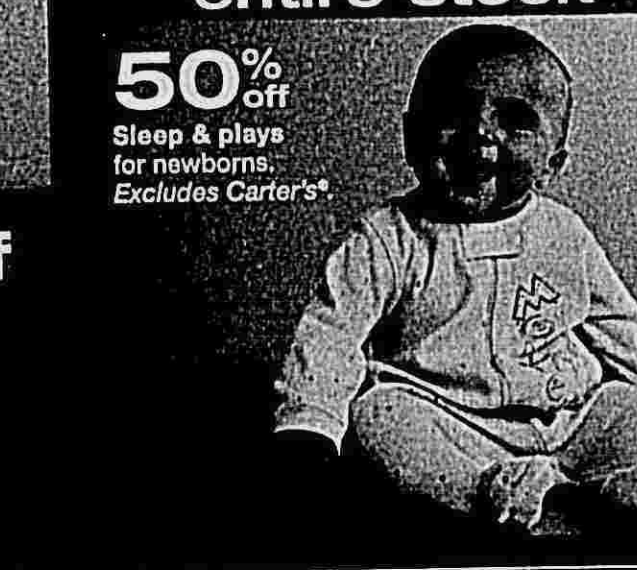


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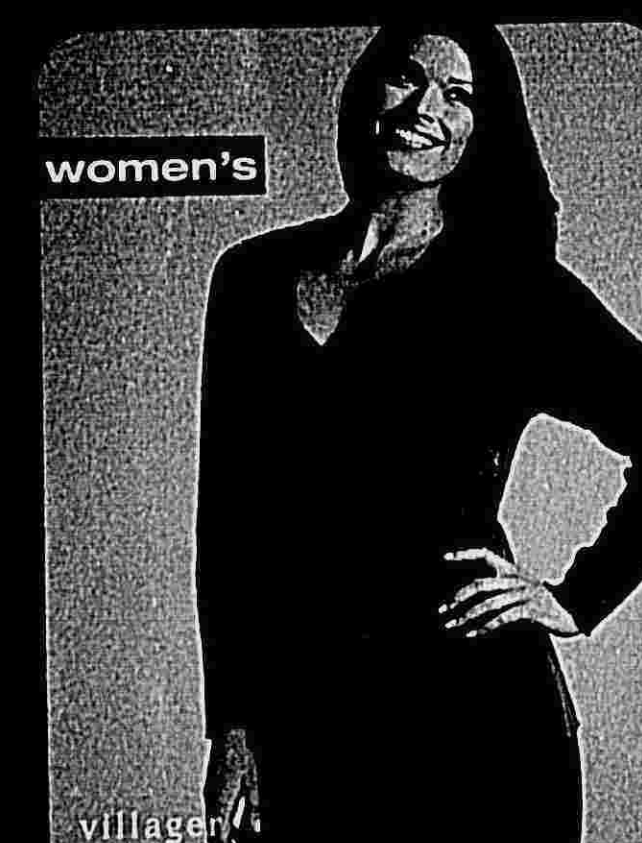


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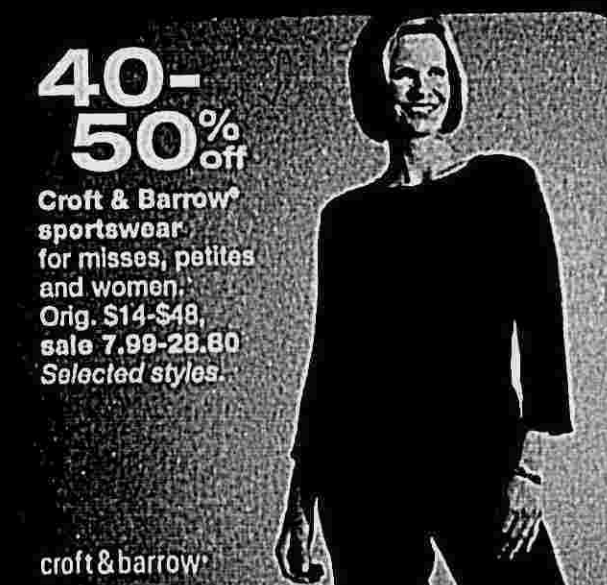
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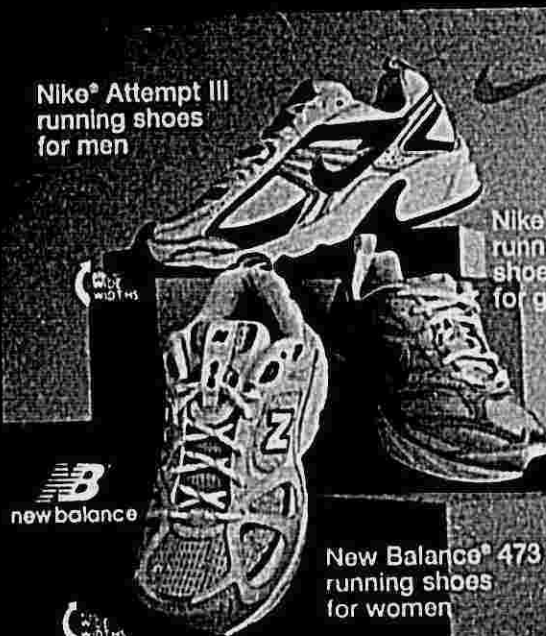
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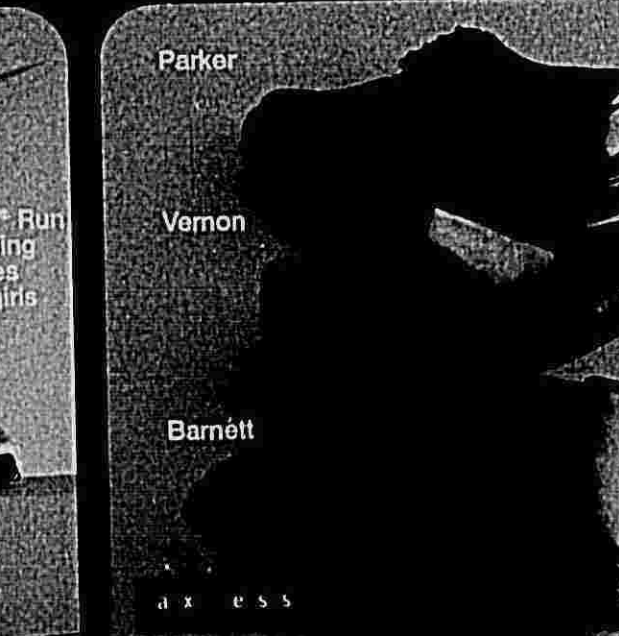
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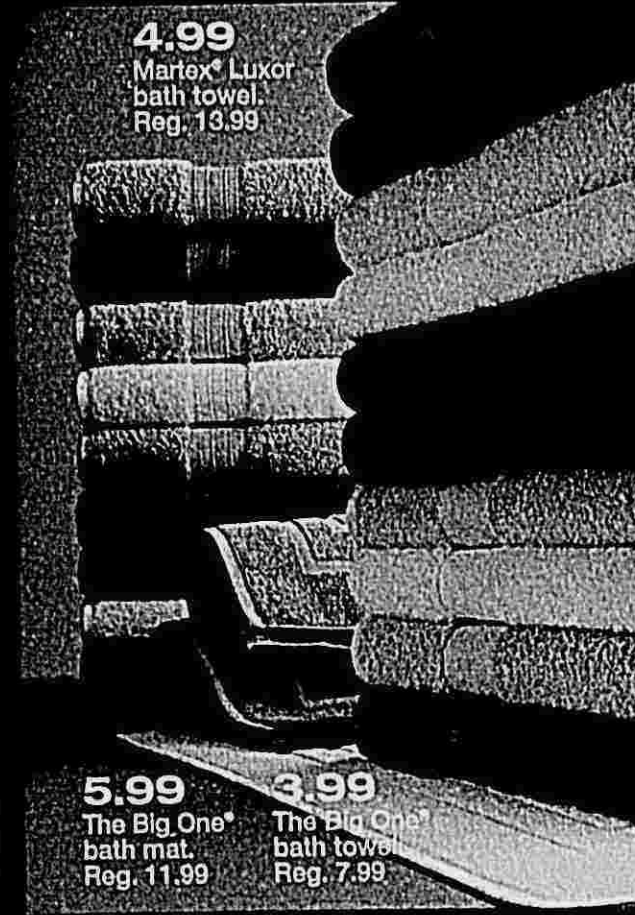
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sport coats for men
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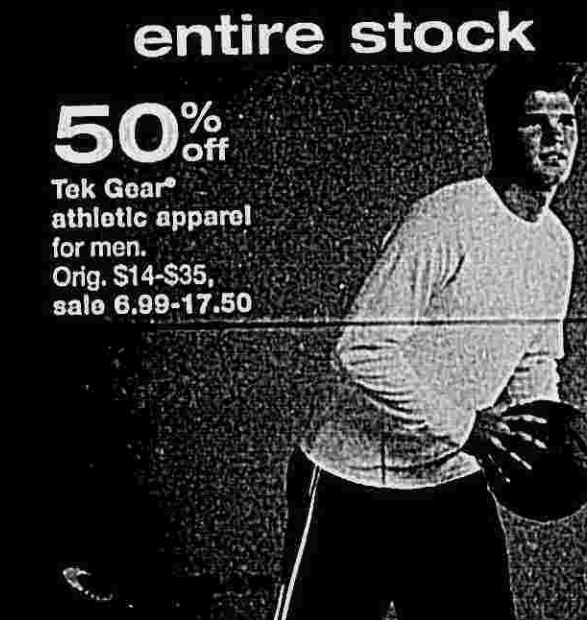
dress and casual pants
for men
from Chaps, Axiel*, SONOMA life+style*
and Croft & Barrow*. Orig. \$40-\$80,
sale \$20-\$40 Selected styles.



9⁹⁹
Graphic tees
for young men.
Orig. \$18
Selected styles.

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23⁹⁹
Jeans and pants
for young men
from Plugg*,
Unionbay* and
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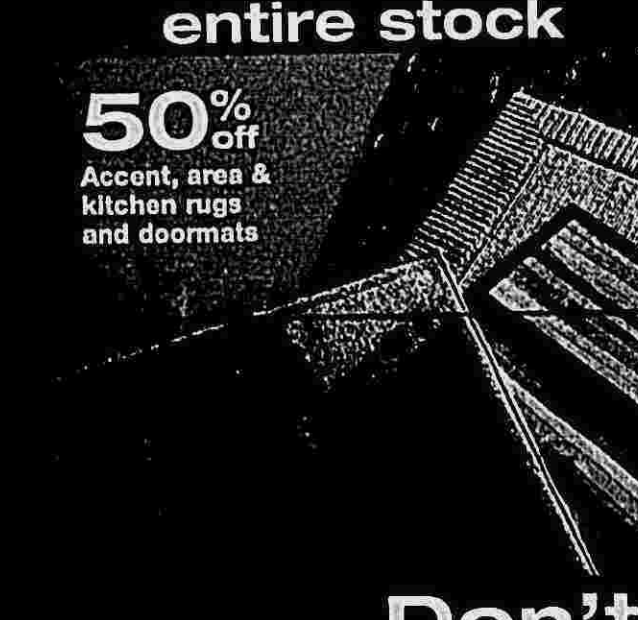


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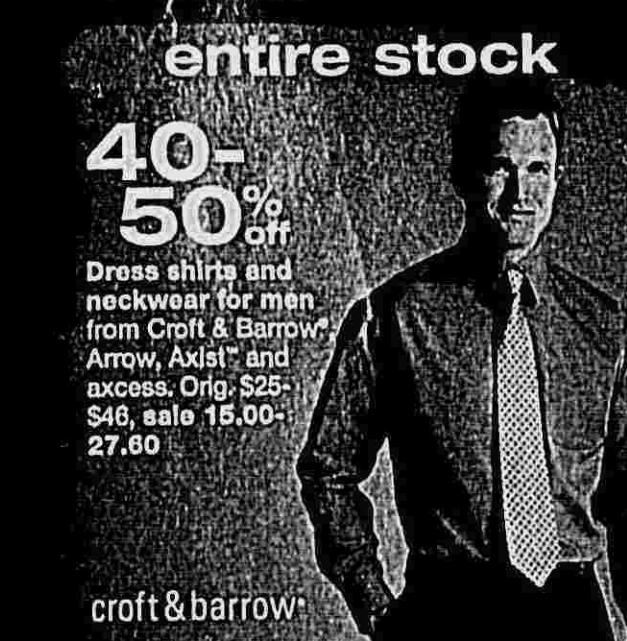
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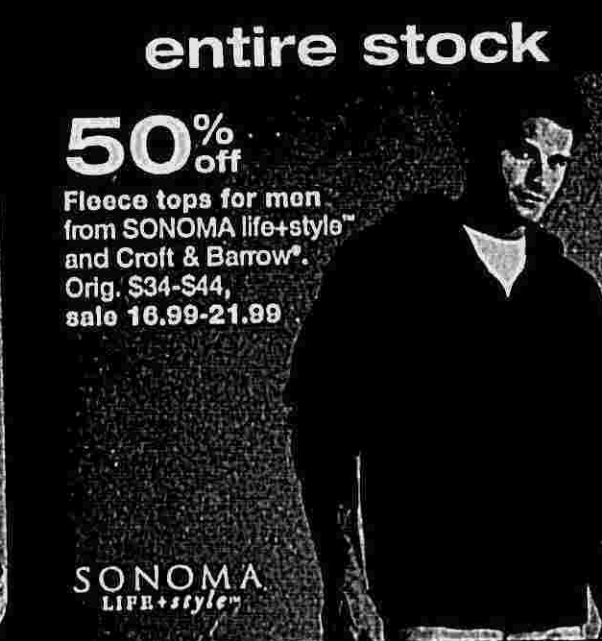
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and Croft & Barrow*. Orig. \$34-\$44,
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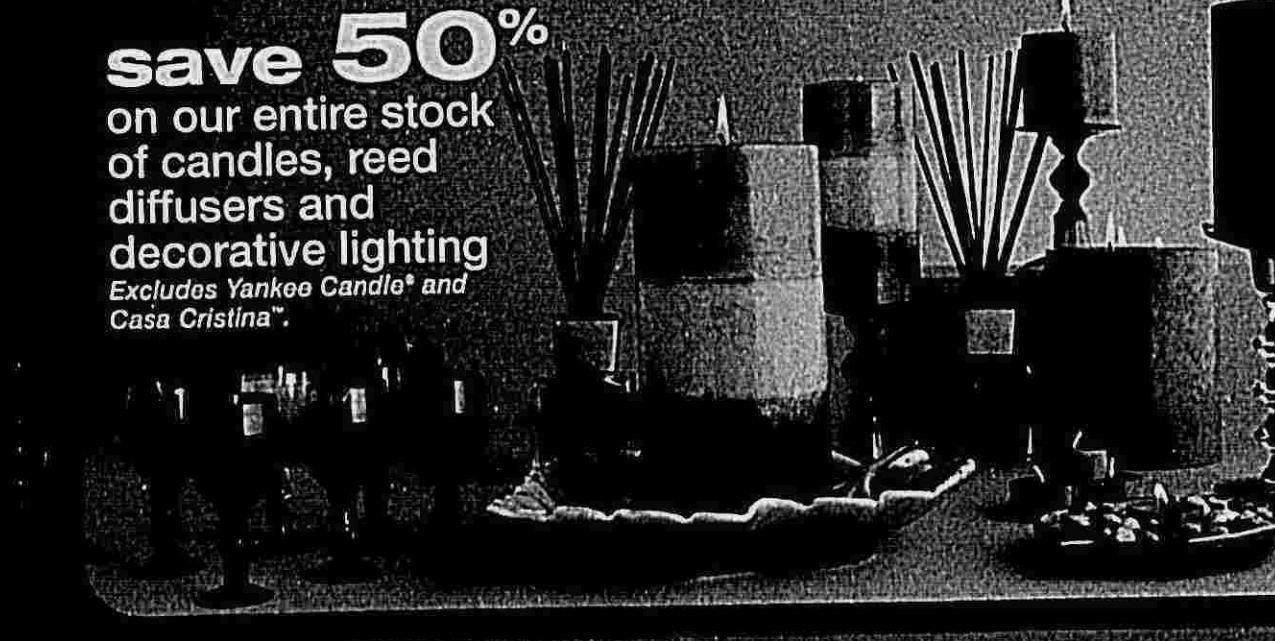
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for boys 8-20. Orig. \$16-\$80,
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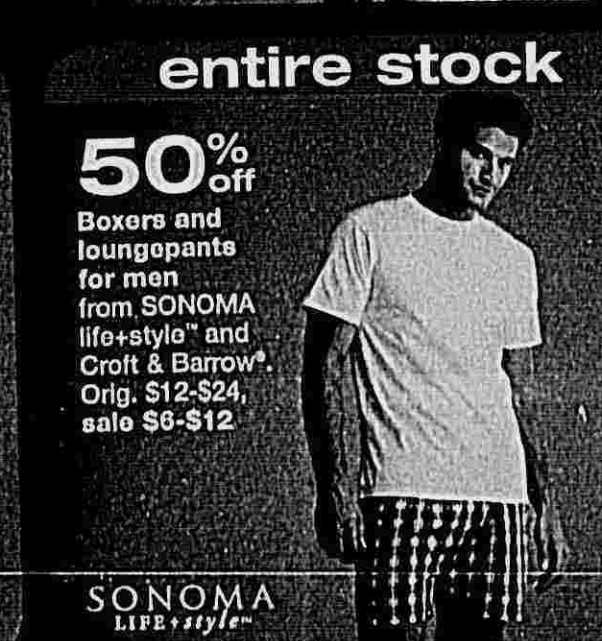
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69.99
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cookware set.
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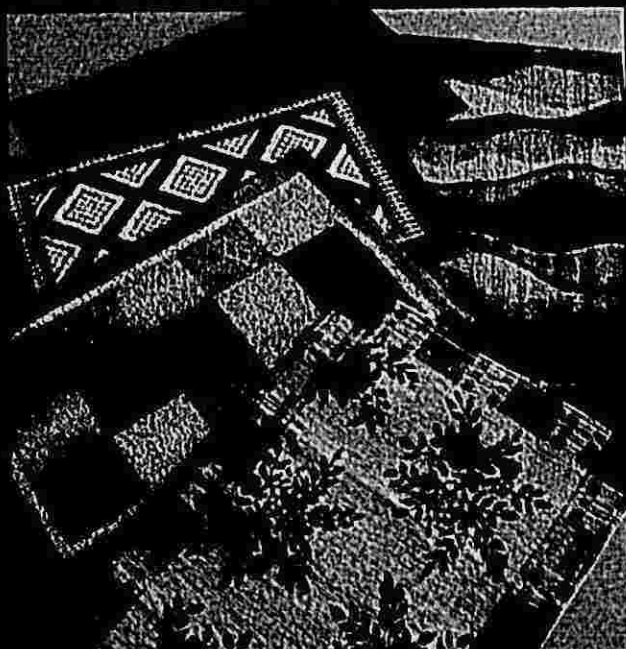
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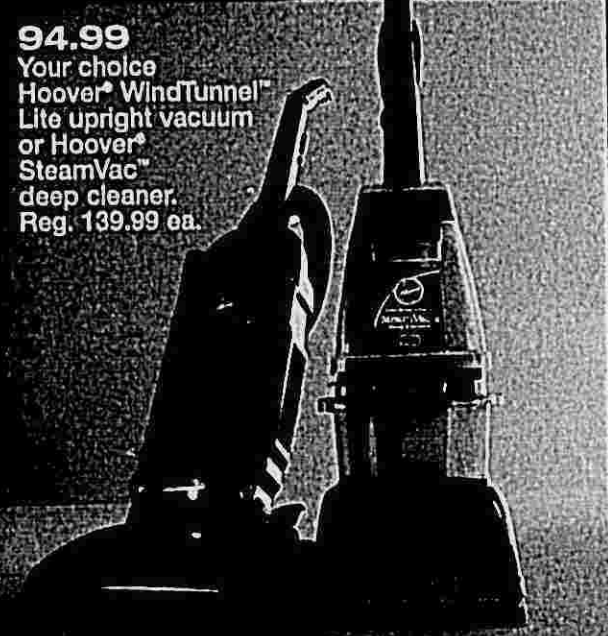
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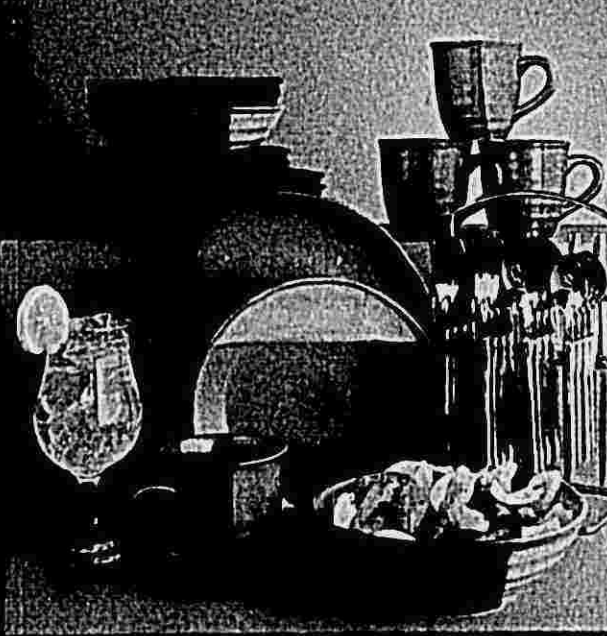
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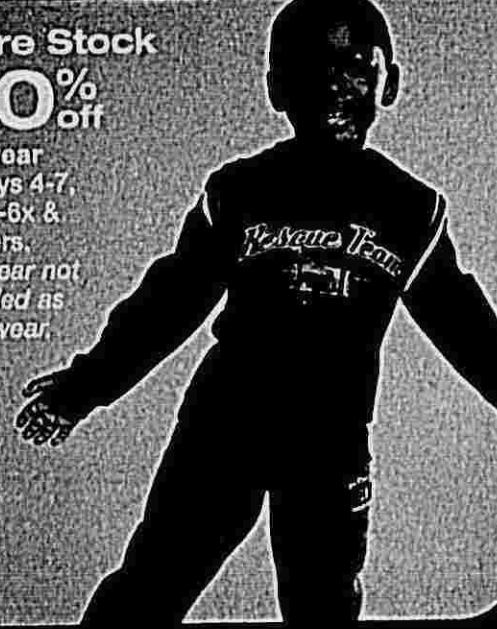
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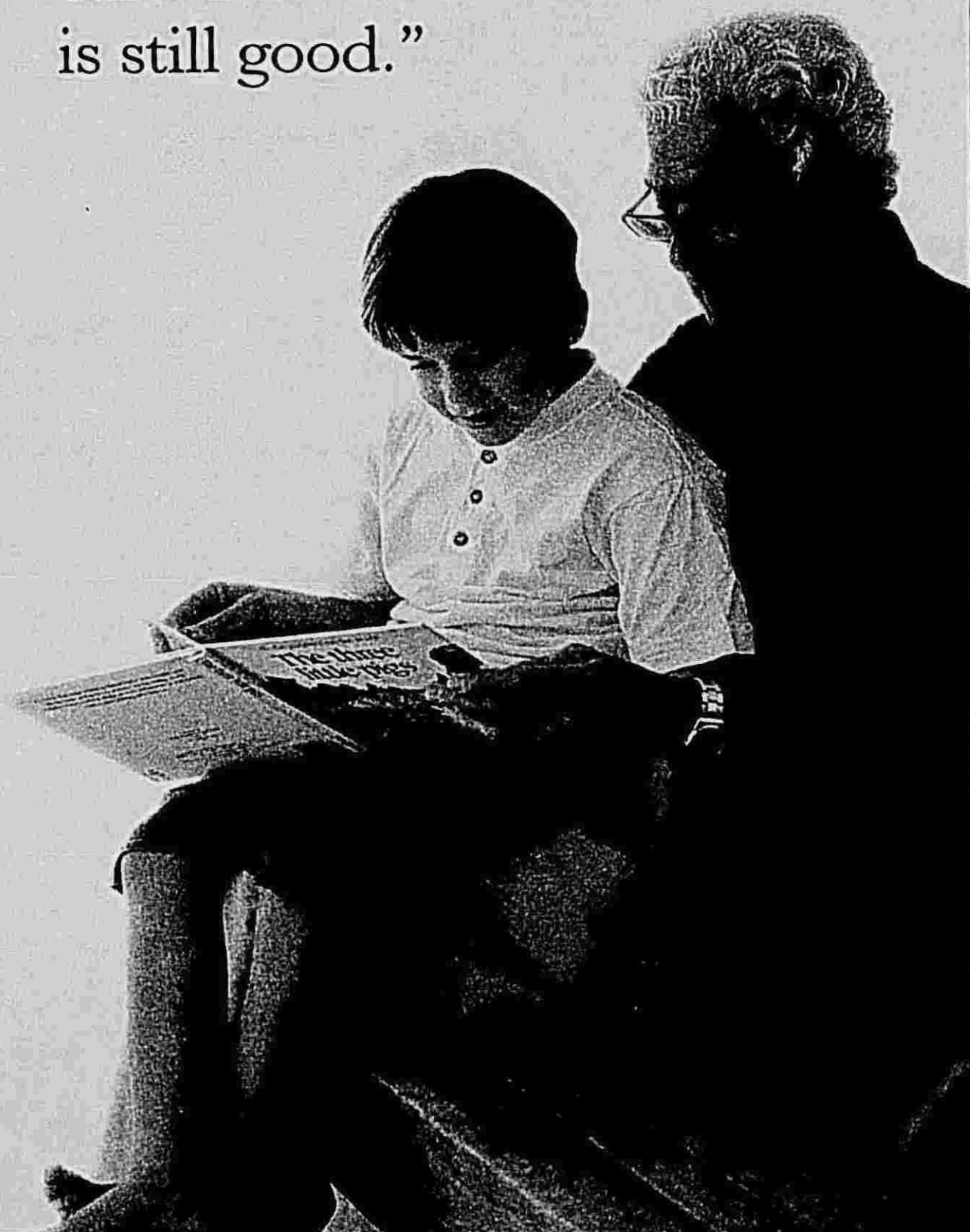
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Life after retirement

Ellen Bryant embarks on a new challenge in her golden years

By Karie Angell Luc

Special to Pioneer Press

Retirement is often perceived as

a rite of passage that comes once in a lifetime, offering a chance to relax, travel and enjoy their time away from work. One local woman, Ellen Bryant of Glencoe, started a new company called GreatSnax, after years of working as a reference librarian and director of a small academic library.

"I had recently retired for the second time and had some free time," Bryant said. "So when a friend asked me to join her at a conference with the produce industry representatives and the USDA, I said 'yes.'"

That conference took place in 2005. Two years later, Bryant is busy contacting local schools to determine interest about GreatSnax.

"It was there (at that conference) I learned about the growing problem of obesity in our children and the appalling lack of fresh fruits and vegetables in their diet (adults too, for that matter)," Bryant said. "It was like an epiphany for me. I knew then that I wanted to help children who were on the fast track to obesity, diabetes and many other health related illnesses, mainly because of poor diets due in large part to junk snacks and fast foods."

"I knew that there needed to be an alternative to the junk snack foods, and I thought I might have an answer...packaged fresh fruit and veggie snacks," she said. "And thus GreatSnax was started."

"GreatSnax provides packaged fresh fruit and veggie snacks that are flavorful and healthy between-meal snacks. Some even come with dips," Bryant said.

"These products come from reputable suppliers; only fruits and vegetables that are not packed in sugar are used."

PERSONAL INSPIRATION

Though GreatSnax is her newfound passion, Bryant enjoys making memories with her family and is having the time of



her life during her golden years. Specifically, she enjoys going out to dinner with her husband, Bob, a semi-retired university professor, after a busy day of answering emails about GreatSnax.

Ellen and Bob have been married for 48 years, with three adult children and four grandchildren.

As a grandmother, Bryant is obviously concerned about her grandchildren's health, but she became more aware of childhood wellness issues when she faced a life-changing medical diagnosis a few years ago. Although she experienced no

it can cause, my efforts will be worthwhile."

A ROLE MODEL FOR OTHER WOMEN

According to the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), approximately 70 to 80 percent of Americans plan to work after retirement, not out of need, but out of desire.

"One should follow a passion," Bryant explained. "That doesn't necessarily mean starting a business, volunteers are always

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symptoms, Bryant was diagnosed with type II diabetes in December 2004.

Even though Bryant had never been overweight and ate the recommended amounts of fruits and vegetables, type II diabetes ran in her family. Her mother's twin sister lost both her legs to her knees from the disease.

"I was and am determined that it wouldn't get the best of me, so I watched my diet even more closely, exercised even more, and went from a size 12 to 10."

"If I can help children avoid the ravages

needed in many areas and there are other things to do."

With GreatSnax as her third career, the AARP might certainly laud Bryant, as inspiration for other women of her generation.

On the home page of the AARP Web site (www.aarp.org), a breakout box in the middle reads, "Learn More to Earn More."

A woman smiles confidently in a photo near the caption, promoting the new AARP Foundation Women's Scholarship Program, for qualified female applicants

aged 40 years and better, who are considering a career change.

The deadline for applications is October 31.

"I think it's excellent, I see that as part of a trend," Bryant said. "Women are often coming from the home without work experience, and they need that extra help to get started."

Geared for moderate to lower-income women, the AARP Foundation Women's Scholarship Program assists female entrepreneurs wishing to also make a difference in their communities.

Although she is not in the target bracket of women who are primary income earners for growing families, Bryant is pleased to hear about the program, given that grandmothers could obtain assistance, depending on their financial qualifications.

"You go down to the Women's Business Development Center in Chicago, and I see more women who have been in business who are either coming for financial help or learning how to do their business so they don't go bankrupt," she said.

"Some people go into business without any background on what it's going to take."

PRACTICAL ADVICE

Though GreatSnax is just two years new, Bryant has learned quite a bit.

"First, learn as much about the business as you can and how to run a business," she recommends. "Being an employee is very different from managing a company."

"There are many organizations that can help. The Women's Business Development Center helped me learn the basics and continue to mentor me," Bryant said. "There is also SCORE, the Small Business Administration and many other groups that offer help."

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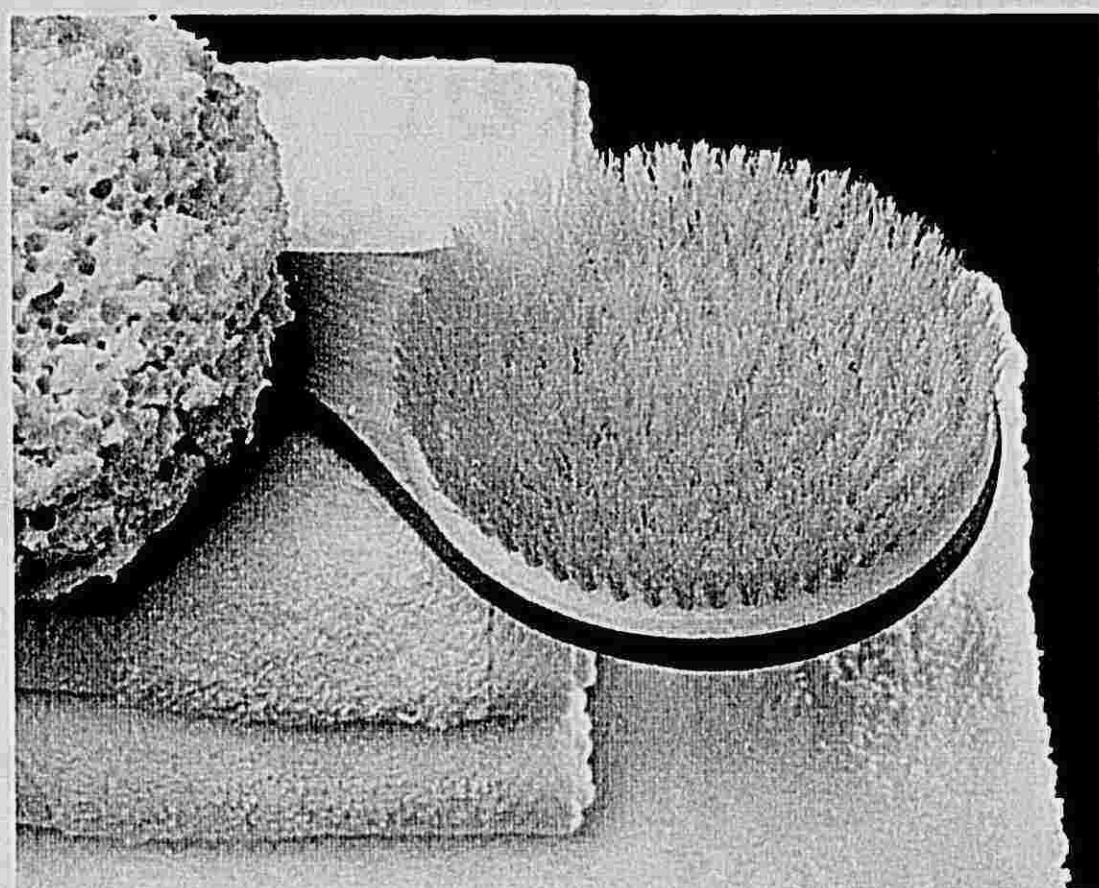
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"As the skin ages it becomes thinner, less resilient and much drier," Fleck explains. "The layers of skin can easily separate, tearing the paper-like upper-most area called the epidermis. The skin cells do not 'turn over,' or replenish themselves as quickly as when we are young. Therefore, the old skin cells become clumped and do not function as efficiently as young, healthy skin cells do."

Fleck offers the following advice on how to care for aging skin:

* "Drying is the single largest skin problem among the aged," says Fleck. She recommends avoiding a daily shower or bath, which can contribute to dry skin. Instead, opt for gentle cleansing with soap and surfactant-free (detergent-free) cleansers of the kind that do not need to be rinsed. These cleansers do the job of removing dirt and natural oils, but do not impact the natural acid balance of mature skin.

* Moisturizing on a daily basis is essential since older skin cannot retain moisture as well as young skin. "There are new, advanced skin care products that actually nourish the skin from the outside in, delivering amino acids (proteins), vitamins, antioxidants and ingredients that are gentle and soothing, making the skin more

resilient and strengthening it," says Fleck.

* Take care to avoid bumps that can tear the skin, or caustic substances that can disrupt the skin's ability to protect. Immobile seniors who must use adult diapers should have special care taken to keep them clean and free of irritants.

"Barrier products that contain protectants like dimethicone and other silicones, as well as zinc oxide, can help protect the skin from these issues," Fleck says.

* Continue to protect your skin from the sun. Melanocytes, the skin cells that protect us from the sun, do not work as well as we age. As a result, older skin burns easily. Stay out of the sun as much as possible, and when out wear protective clothing, wide-brimmed hats and sun screen

* Be aware of special skin care needs that often accompany some common diseases, such as diabetes. For example, diabetics need to take particular care in protecting their skin, especially on extremities.

* Avoid strong antibacterial soaps that may have high pH, which can further dry aging skin. Astringents and products that contain alcohol can also be too harsh and damaging for older skin.

"Many seniors may not know what products they need and often can't get out of the house to get them," Fleck says. "The Internet has made it easier to order products online and keep them handy for daily skin care, but not all seniors have online access or know how to use the Internet."

"Health care professionals are a great source of information and can relay simple instructions for daily skin care and protection while suggesting new products that may help seniors in their routine," she says.

To learn more about skin care products, visit www.medline.com/woundcare.

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How to follow a low-sodium diet

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For example, your doctor likely advised you to cut back on your sodium (salt) intake and here's why. Heart failure causes the body to hold on to extra sodium, which in turn causes extra fluid to build up in your body. The extra fluid makes your

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Cutting back on sodium is admittedly a challenge because sodium is everywhere. The typical American diet has more salt in it than you may think. Processed foods, like frozen dinners, boxed noodle and rice dishes, canned soups and canned vegetables, are very high in sodium. So, even if you do not add salt while cooking or use a salt shaker at the table, you are probably eating too much.

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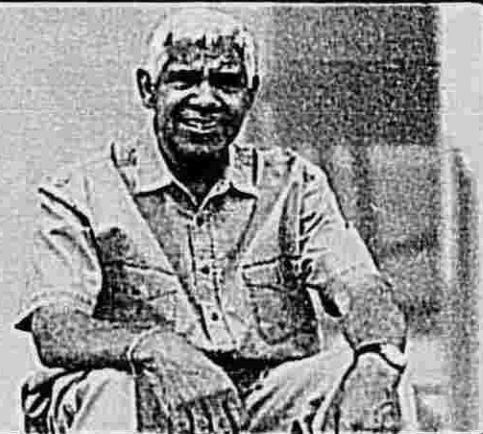
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There are simple adjustments you can make in your lifestyle that may help you feel and do better.

1. Stop adding salt to your food.

By simply taking the salt shaker off the table, and stopping the practice of adding salt to food when cooking, you can cut your sodium intake by as much as 30 percent. Foods with less sodium can still be considered tasty. There are a lot of seasoning options available to spice things up. These include black, cayenne and lemon pepper; fresh herbs like garlic, onion powder, dill, parsley and rosemary; lemon juice; and flavored extracts like vanilla, almond, etc.

2. Adapt preferred foods to low-sodium versions.

There are low-sodium substitutes for many of the foods you like. For example, instead of preparing a country ham, you can make a fresh lean pork roast. Instead of buying lunch meats, which typically contain high amounts of sodium, you can cook fresh chicken, turkey, roast beef or pork without adding salt and then cut it up for sandwiches the next day. If you like soup, instead of buying the canned version which is high in sodium and preservatives, you can cut up fresh vegetables, put them in a slow cooker and use herbs and spices

for seasoning.

Many types of canned vegetables you enjoy are also available in low-sodium versions. Just look for labels that say sodium-free, no-salt, low-sodium, reduced-sodium or unsalted.

3. Pick foods naturally low in sodium. Generally, you can eat as much fresh food as you want without counting the sodium content. Fresh fruits and vegeta-

bles, including freshly squeezed fruit and vegetable juices, have very little sodium. The same is true for fresh meat, poultry and fish.

If you are not eating fresh foods, choose other low-sodium foods as much as possible, such as canned fruits, plain frozen vegetables and dried beans, peas, rice and lentils.

4. Learn to read food labels.

By reading food labels, you can learn which foods are high and low in sodium. As a rule, most processed foods, whether they are frozen, canned or boxed, are high in sodium, but don't rule them out entirely. Some packaged foods are available in low- or no-salt versions.

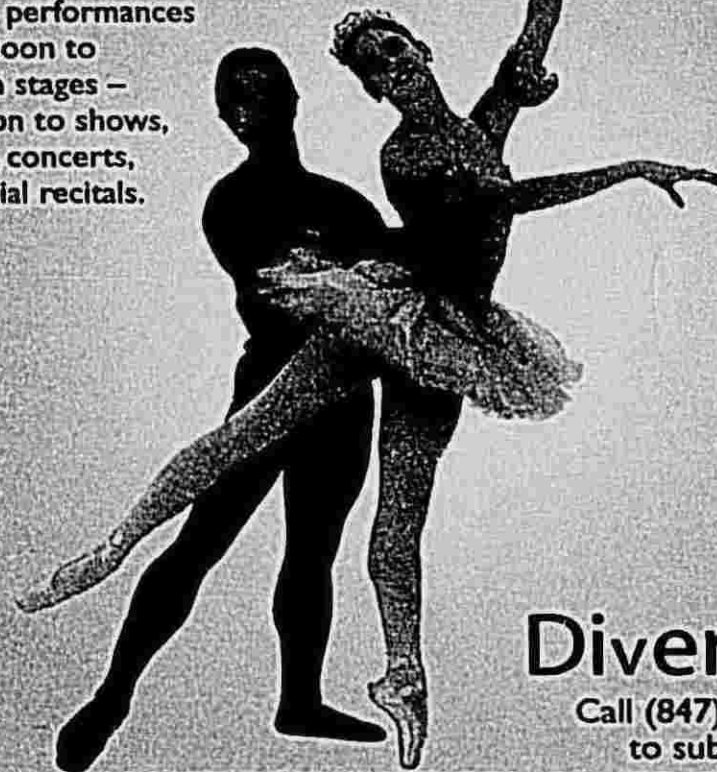
It can be difficult to change your eating habits. It may take weeks before you enjoy the taste of low-sodium foods, but your taste buds will adjust. Eventually you may not even miss the salt.

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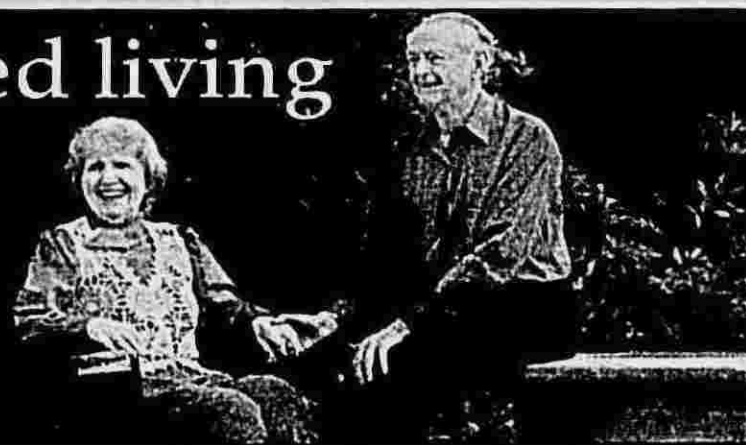


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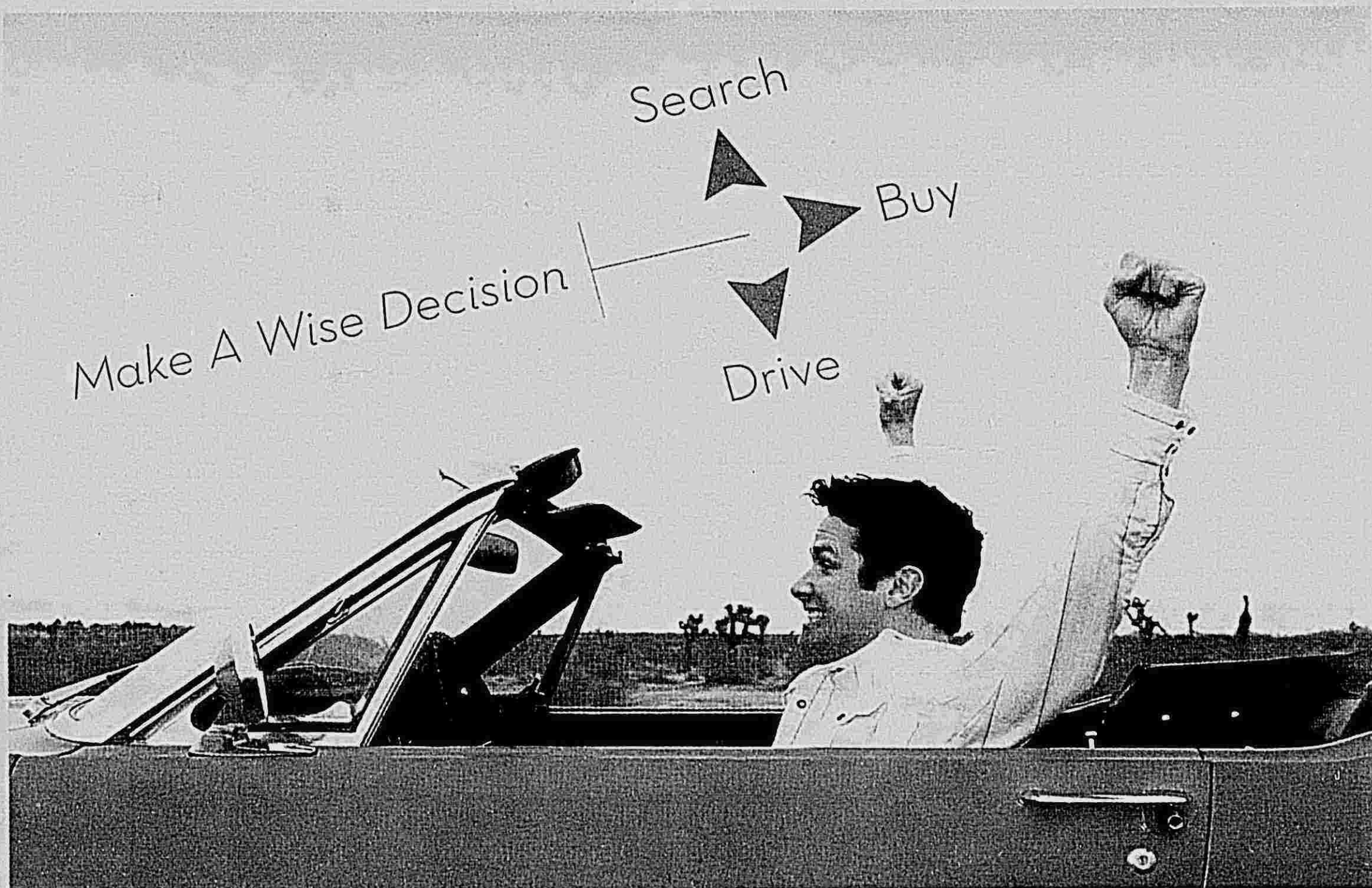
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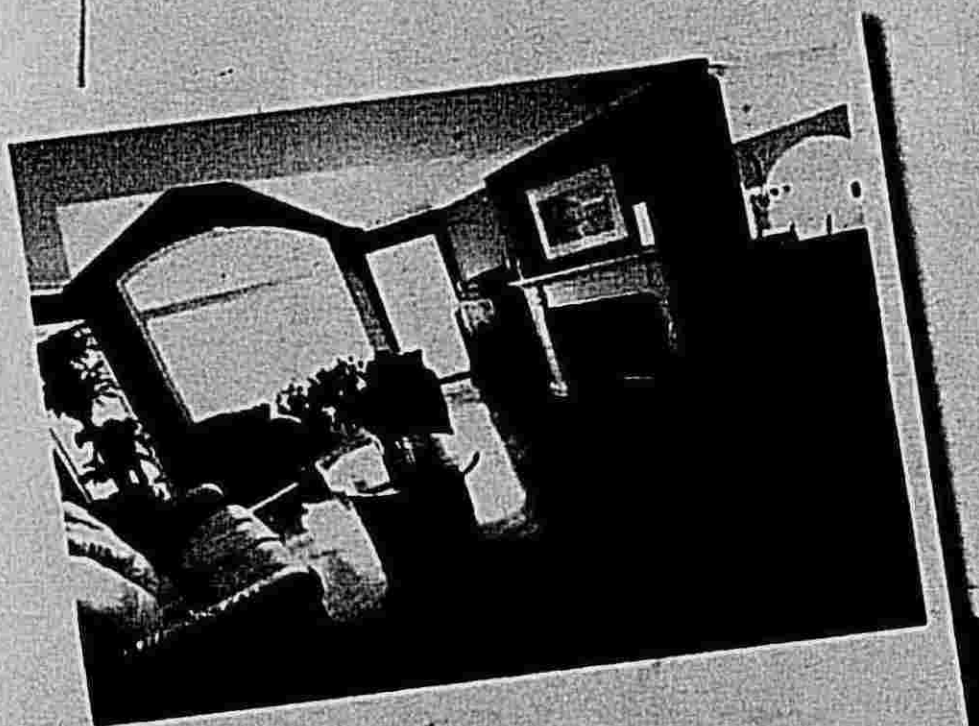
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What makes the great room a great room?

Ask Kay Angell, formerly of Elk Grove Village, who lives in Myrtle Beach, S. C., but wants to relocate to Chicagoland to be near her extended family.

"The great room is a great room," said Angell, with a laugh.

"Because of the current lifestyles for today's families, you need to spend time together in that integral part of the house."

"The great room is where all the activity is, the TV, the fireplace, the eating area, this is really the center of the home," said Angell, a grandmother of nine. "Plus, the great room area is so easy to take care of."

Angell moved to Myrtle Beach in 2000 with her husband, Jack. However, with his recent passing a few weeks after their 50th wedding anniversary, Angell is ready to leave the warmer climate for a northern move, hoping to find another house, possibly another Centex Home, with the great room concept.

"Chicago is really my home," says Angell. "But home is also where your family is."

During the Angells' early married years in the late 1950s, they settled in Elk Grove Village where, several years before, planners hit upon a golden idea.

The plan is thus: build affordable, quality ranch homes for the baby boomer generation, with meandering streets and an industrial park near Chicago's O'Hare Airport, to help maintain an affordable residential tax base. The plan worked, and the rest is history.

"Centex (then known as Centex Construction Company) began developing the nation's first master planned community in the 1950s," explained Laura McKay, operational marketing manager for Centex Homes.

"We have been building homes since the 1950s, making us one of the longest running production homebuilders in the United States."

Elk Grove Village now enjoys one of the most affordable tax rates in Cook County, with top-rated schools, an award-winning Park District, and Alexian Brothers Medical Center on Blesterfield Road near the village's core retail and municipal area.

"With Centex Homes, it's really about location, location, location," said Angell. "I am always pleased with the layout of the home, there is always one that I want."

"For instance, our house on Willow Lane, that one had three bedrooms with an interchange bathroom, with one and one-half baths put together."

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"It was ingenious," Angell continued. "They had the laundry room off to the side, where you could close the door for quiet."

"It was a small home, but the layout was just wonderful."

"You had privacy, even with the living room and dining room area combined," Angell said.

"For a 1,000 square foot house, it was extremely livable for a family of five."

The Willow Lane house in Elk Grove Village was actually the Angell family's second Centex Home. Their first Centex home was at 836 Bonita Ave., and their third Centex residence was on Parker Place, on Elk Grove's west side. Then came the millennium move to South Carolina, to yet another Centex home at Barefoot Resort in North Myrtle Beach, with one-floor living and a "great room."

"I've got a new word for the dining room; I call it the restaurant," said Angell, with a chuckle. "Also, people who are buying homes now want their bedroom on the main floor."

"My bedroom is right off the great room, with the kitchen sink overlooking everything."

The Angells chose a model with volume ceilings in the great room, including a rear sun room, a wall of windows overlooking a small pond, where Jack Angell used to fish for bass, just steps off of his backyard patio.

"It isn't unusual for happy Centex homeowners to seek out another Centex home if they move to another state or when they are ready to move up to a larger home or down to a smaller home," said McKay.

"We build in so many locations, in major cities in 25 U.S. states," said McKay. "We've been building homes throughout the U.S. for over 50 years, and we build a wide variety of styles of homes and types of neighborhoods."

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Whichever home Kay Angell chooses, she hopes to find one with the new homebuyer's warranty she has come to appreciate through the years.

"When you purchase a new home, you get to pick out exactly what you want in your home; you don't inherit someone else's style or taste," said Laura McKay. "A leading reason buyers choose new is the warranty offered."

"Centex provides a two-year Fit-and-Finish Warranty in addition to a 10-year structural warranty."

"Many buyers are looking for the security of a new home warranty, something you cannot get on a used home," McKay said.

"Because new construction is often located a

bit farther out, buyers may benefit from increased appreciation of their home as the overall area becomes more established," she said. "For this same reason, new construction is often a better value than existing residential; buyers can get more home for their money when compared to the price of a similarly sized existing residential home in a more established location."

One Centex Homes community McKay suggests for Kay Angell is Bristol Bay in Yorkville.

"In our Bristol Bay community, we offer condos priced from \$99,990 perfect for that first time buyer who wants to stop renting; one and two-car garage town homes with up to nearly 1,600 square feet popular with both first time buyers looking for something a bit larger than a condo; or buyers that are downsizing from a single family home and don't want the hassles of maintaining their own yard," said McKay.

"Of course, there are single family homes that include a number of ranch and 2-story designs, once again designed and priced to fit the needs of those purchasing their first single family home, trading up to a larger single family home to accommodate a growing family or downsizing to a ranch home once the children have moved out," McKay continued.

"And the best part is, at Bristol Bay, you could conceivably live your entire life within the community and live in the perfect style of home for your life stage."

Though Kay Angell is 1,000 miles away in South Carolina, McKay encourages her to use the Internet for a virtual model tour.

"The Internet is a great tool for buyers to use when seeking another new Centex Home," McKay said. "We frequently receive calls from happy Centex homeowners from other states asking if we build the exact floor plan they are currently living in."

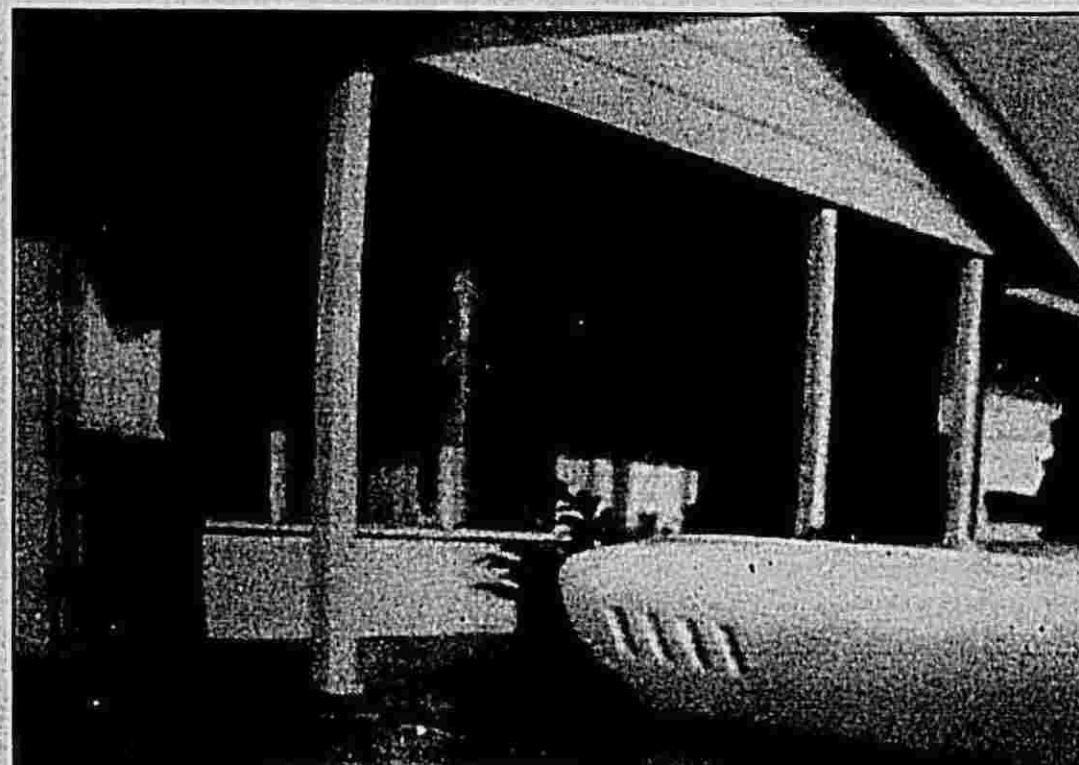
"Our floor plans are specific to regions and cities, so most of the time we don't have the same plan, but the buyers are always happy with the floor plans."

"From time to time, we have homeowners in our Illinois communities stop in to ask our sales team about available Centex homes in other states," McKay added. "It is a seamless process to sit them down, check the Internet and pick up the phone to call the other state and get more details on their homes."

"Our Web site, centexhomes.com, is a great place to start," she said. "Another great resource is our online sales consultant, Jeffrey, who can be reached at 866-9-Centex."

So, now the question begs, is there truly a fifth Centex Home in Kay Angell's future?

"Well, I'll have to check it out first," Angell said, with another laugh. "I'll start by turning on the computer!"



The Angell's original Centex home on Bonita Lane, Elk Grove Village. Photo courtesy of Kay Angell.



A modern Centex home with a great room right off the kitchen.

Regency model at The Waterford features spacious great room

With autumn in the air and the holiday season not far away, family entertaining is on the agenda, and a spacious great room creates the perfect stage, says developer Ray Franczak, partner in R. Franczak & Associates.

"When you need open space for family entertaining — for a Halloween party, a Thanksgiving dinner or celebrating the warmth of the Christmas season and New Year's Eve — the great room in the Regency model is the perfect choice at The Waterford Condominiums in downtown Des Plaines," Franczak said.

The loft-style Regency model is one of the exceptional fifth floor penthouse units available at The Waterford. The Regency has two bedrooms, two baths and 1,405 square feet of living space. The clean crisp modernistic model is priced at \$345,900, which includes many design options.

"Step into the foyer of the Regency and you will be impressed with the spacious flow of the great room, which contains nearly 550 square feet of family entertaining space," Franczak said.

"The great room starts with the high-end urban-style island kitchen (12 feet by 9 feet) and opens to a 14.5-foot by 24-foot dining and living room, and connects via sliding glass doors to the balcony (13 feet by 6 feet)," said Franczak.

"We just put the finishing touches on the new Regency model showcasing the latest luxury design trends and urban appointments for the autumn condominium shopping market at The Waterford in Des Plaines," Franczak said.

"We have brought city living to the suburbs with the new models which showcase sleek interiors with high-end urban finishes, upgraded stainless-steel appliances and open floor plans and soaring, 10.5-foot-high ceilings that evoke city-style loft living,"

Franczak said.

Shown as Residence 506, The Regency model with its ceilings is now open for viewing. The model showcases the latest in decorator lighting, Polo-style kitchen cabinets and other decorator accents at The Waterford, a new three-building 118-unit enclave.

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"The Regency is one of three newly unveiled models which features exceptional interiors that resemble an urban loft residence near downtown Chicago with luxury finishes, lofty light-filled plans with open living areas," noted Lynne Gregg, sales manager for R. Franczak & Associates.

"The Regency model is one of only six unique light-filled, spacious and airy penthouse located on the fifth floor at The Waterford," said Gregg.

"These special fifth floor units were customized by our design team to include ceilings that soar to 10.5 feet, and interior doors that rise to a height of 8 feet, as well as light beech wood floors through the main living spaces," she said.

The Regency penthouse also features designer paint colors, granite with Italian marble mosaic tile back splash 42-inch Cherry Mocha Polo cabinetry, an upgraded stainless-steel appliance package and custom three-inch window and door casings and five-inch baseboards with solid two-panel doors.

"Buyers are getting the trendy 'downtown' finishes and floor plans without the city price tag," Gregg said.

"We listen to what our buyers are looking for with each community, and implement those ideas. Recently, that has meant opening up floor plans to create the noteworthy great-room look, offering stainless-steel appliance packages and other finishes that are nearly always found in the city."

"We've combined urban-like interiors with a quiet suburban neighborhood location, complete with tree-lined streets and kids on bikes. It is no wonder The Waterford has become such a desirable place to live," Gregg said.

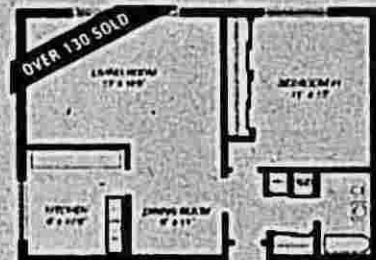
The Waterford is located on the site of the old Des Plaines library building, 799 Graceland Ave., at the intersection of Graceland and Thacker near downtown Des Plaines. Franczak currently is marketing the second and third buildings of the development.

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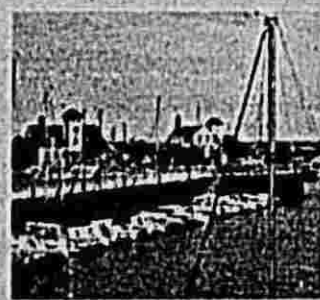
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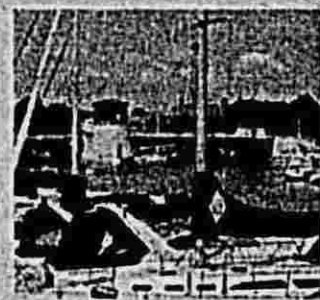
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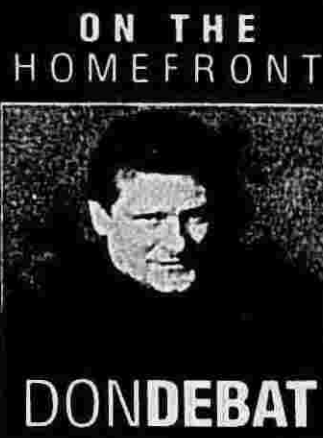
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Outlook brightens for home-loan rates following Fed-rate reduction

A brighter outlook for lower home-loan rates in the future gave thousands of prospective home buyers and homeowners seeking to refinance this autumn a psychological lift.



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The optimism came after the Federal Reserve Board lowered the federal-funds rate to 4.75 percent from 5.25 percent, where it has been anchored since June of 2006.

Beginning in mid-2004, the Fed methodically raised short-term interest rates 17 times over a period of two years. The series of quarter-point interest-rate hikes were designed to make sure inflationary pressures remain under control.

Experts say the Fed's surprising half of 1 percentage point rate cut on September 18th will not immediately push long-term interest rates lower, however it should have an immediate effect on short-term rates.

It is likely that homeowners who currently have an adjustable-rate mortgage due for readjustment, or an variable-rate home equity line credit on their home, or any loan that is tied to the prime lending rate could benefit from the half-point interest-rate drop.

Lower interest rates on credit cards also should boost consumer spending and help boost the economy, experts say.

Over the coming months, analysts say the Fed rate decrease could ripple through the rest of the home-loan system and give a long-needed boost to the nation's housing market.

Following the Fed-rate reduction, Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey reported that 30-year fixed-rate mortgages averaged 6.34 percent, up slightly from 6.31 percent a week earlier. Last year at this time, the 30-year fixed-loan average was 6.40 percent.

However, Freddie Mac reported that 1-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) declined slightly to an average of 5.65 percent from 5.66 percent a week earlier. At this time last year, the 1-year ARM averaged 5.54 percent.

"In addition to bringing down short-term interest rates, the Fed-rate cut should also dissipate some of the volatility in short-term interest rates we observed earlier," observed Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac vice president and chief economist.

Although 30-year-fixed mortgage rates were largely unchanged after the Fed acted, Nothaft noted that long-term rates currently have been "lingering at lower levels" since late spring.

Rates have gradually declined nearly a half of 1 percentage point since mid-June of 2007 when they spiked at 6.75 percent. Before June, home loan rates had not been higher since late July of 2006, when the benchmark 30-year fixed loan average hit 6.80 percent, according to Freddie Mac.

With recent rate declines, a 6.34 percent 30-year fixed home-loan rate is only 1.13 percentage points above the 40-year historical rock-bottom of the market—5.21 percent in June of 2003, experts say.

"The recent retreat in mortgage rates has brought in an increased volume of mortgage applications, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association, and pushed the share of applications for refinancing to the highest rate since April," Nothaft said.

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The Federal Reserve cut interest rates this week. So naturally, mortgage rates went along for the ride, right?

Wrong.

The benchmark 30-year fixed-rate mortgage rose 4 basis points, to 6.32 percent, according to the Bankrate.com national survey of large lenders. The benchmark 15-year fixed-rate mortgage rose 4 basis points, to 6 percent. The benchmark 5/1 adjustable-rate mortgage rose 11 basis points, to 6.41 percent. The benchmark 30-year jumbo rose 3 basis points, to 7.23 percent.

On Tuesday, the Federal Reserve cut the overnight federal funds rate by half a percentage point. The central bank explained that "the tightening of credit conditions has the potential to intensify the housing correction and to restrain economic growth more generally."

The Fed's goal wasn't to send mortgage rates lower but to induce lenders to say yes more often — especially to jumbo borrowers, who have applied for mortgages greater than the conforming limit of \$417,000. Investors aren't sure about the quality of the loans out there. That's what has frozen up the jumbo market, and observers believe the Fed was trying to thaw it out.

"I think the Fed took an aggressive stance here," says Bob Walters, chief economist for Quicken Loans. The central bank, Walters says, showed clear concern over what's happening in credit markets, the housing market and the overall economy.

So why did mortgage rates go up this week, instead of heading down? Mortgage rates got ahead of the Fed, that's all. Two months ago, the benchmark rate on the 30-year fixed was 6.82 percent. Not long after, investors started to get clued in that the Fed really might cut short-term rates — and mortgage rates have fallen in six of the nine weeks since then.

In other words, both the federal funds rate and the 30-year fixed have fallen by identical amounts in nine weeks. The Fed was just catching up.

Key definitions

5/1 ARM: A 5/1 ARM is an adjustable-rate mortgage (ARM) that has an initial interest rate for five years, and thereafter has an adjustment interval of one year. The adjustment is based on (or "indexed to") another rate — often the yield on a Treasury note.

Closing Costs: Expenses incurred by buyers and sellers when transferring ownership of property. Closing costs include lender fees, title charges, government recording fees, escrow and pre-paid items.

Points: A point equals 1 percent of a mortgage or other loan. Some lenders charge "origination points" to cover expenses of making a loan. Some borrowers pay "discount points" to reduce the loan's interest rate.

Amortization: The payment of a debt in installments over an agreed-upon period, during which principal and interest are paid off.

APR: Annual Percentage Rate. A yearly rate of interest that includes fees and costs paid to acquire the loan. Lenders are required by law to disclose the APR. The rate is calculated in a standard way, taking the average compound interest rate over the term of the loan, so borrowers can compare loans.

Fixed: The payment of a debt in installments over an agreed-upon period, during which principal and interest are paid off.

Term: The time to the maturity of a loan or deposit, expressed in months or years.

Cost of Funds Index

The industry rates listed below are those used by financial institutions in setting their rates.

Index	Prime Rate	Fed Funds Rate	11th Dist. COF
This week	7.75	4.95	4.277
Last change	8.25	5.25	4.283
Last year	8.25	5.25	4.177

For more information please visit www.bankrate.com.

Mortgage payment calculator

Here's what the loan payment would be on a home mortgage loan using the following programs at prevailing interest rates.

\$165,000 loan amount

Loan program	Rate	Monthly payment
1 yr ARM	6.24%	\$1,014.86
5/1 ARM	6.41%	\$1,033.17
15 yr fixed	6.00%	\$1,392.36
30 yr fixed	6.32%	\$1,023.46

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\$435,000 loan amount

Loan program	Rate	Monthly payment
30 yr jumbo	7.23%	\$2,961.57
Home equity loan		
Loan program	Rate	Monthly payment
30K HEL	8.04%	\$608.87

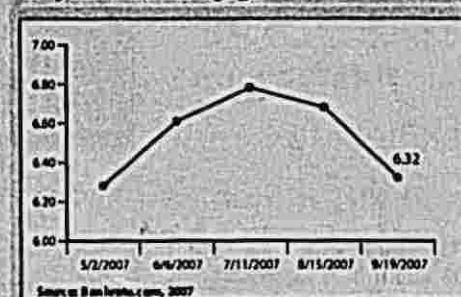
Mortgage tip:

The lower demand for bonds from the Fed rate cut caused bond prices to fall, and for yields to rise. Mortgage rates followed those bond yields.

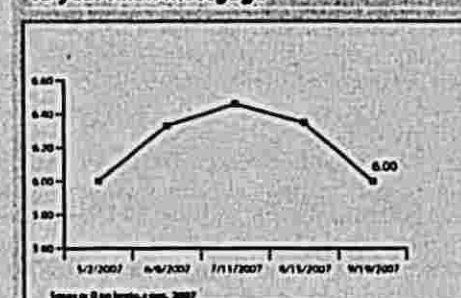
Bankrate National Index

	30 yr fx	15 yr fx	5 yr ARM
This week	6.32	6.00	6.41
Last week	6.28	5.96	6.30
Last year	6.44	6.12	6.19

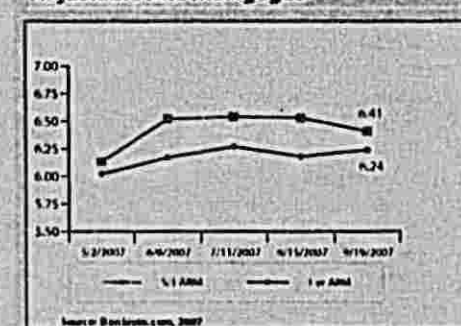
30 year fixed mortgage



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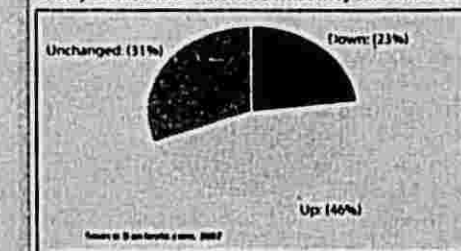


Adjustable rate mortgages



Mortgage rate trend index

Each week, Bankrate surveys mortgage experts to predict which way rates will go in coming weeks: up, down or stay about the same. Here's what they said this week.





The Hickory features a 22-foot by 22-foot 4-inch Great Room that opens both onto a private balcony and into an adjoining gourmet kitchen and breakfast area.

Great rooms are prominent feature at River's Edge Condominiums

The Great Room has long been a part of the design of many homes, both attached and detached, single- and multi-family, and while the room's name has always remained just that, one might wonder if, since it has lasted so long, perhaps it truly is great.

In fact, the room can be traced quite a while back, indeed — back to the Great Chamber found in castles of the Middle Ages, where it, like today, serves as an all-purpose room and living room combination. In Tudor times, the chamber became the second most important room in the castle or manor home, preceded only by the great hall.

"Today, the great hall may instead be a foyer, but the Great Room still serves its purpose, and thus is the most efficient use of space in a condominium," said Helen Weiss, vice president of Weiss Development Corp. In fact, several of the few remaining floor plans offered by Weiss Development in the first phase at its River's Edge community in north suburban Vernon Hills feature one.

In all, River's Edge will include 80 condominium residences in two five-story buildings on a five-acre site bordering Lincolnshire, set within Stevenson High School District 125.

There are two-bedroom/two-bath designs, some with additional dens or formal dining rooms, and one three-bedroom/two-and-a-half bath plan left, ranging in size from 1,745 to 2,325 square feet with large, private balconies. Prices range from \$373,500 to \$511,900. Those plans with Great Rooms are:

The Linden, a two-bedroom/two-bath, 1,586-square-foot unit with an 18-foot by 20-foot 6-inch Great Room separating the sleeping quarters. It is priced at \$349,900.

The Cherry, with two bedrooms, two baths and 1,745 square feet of space, as well as a 20-foot by 20-foot 3-inch Great Room. It is priced from \$373,500.

The largest and most luxurious such plan is the Hickory, a 2,305-square-foot plan that recently opened as the new model at River's Edge. It includes a 22-foot by 22-foot 4-inch Great Room that opens both onto a private bal-

cony (as is also the case in the other three Great Room plans) and into the adjoining gourmet kitchen and breakfast area. It is priced from \$518,700, and also features storage space and two parking spaces in the heated indoor garage.

"Other plans all include some combination of dens, galleries and formal dining rooms that make up the difference," said Weiss. "The Great Rooms comprise almost a fourth of each unit's square footage, allowing the home buyer to use it any way they want and giving them the space to do so. Even in the larger Hickory plan the room represents 19 percent of the available space." Historically, Great Rooms amount to between 10 and 15 percent of the home.

Another interior appointment in most remaining residences is the computer-friendly "I-Net" station, with pre-wired R-6 coaxial cable and Category 5E multi-line telephone outlets. Each residence also features expansive windows with transom lights to capture the views, solid-core doors with Schlage hardware, wood flooring in the foyer and kitchen, and excellent construction quality.

Kitchen features include granite counter tops, 42-inch maple wall cabinets in a variety of stain options, Whirlpool brand gas ranges, dishwashers, built-in microwave ovens and side-by-side refrigerators with ice and water in the door, Kitchenaid disposals and Kohler double-bowl stainless steel sinks.

Luxury bathrooms boast 34-inch adult-height maple or oak cabinetry, 12-inch porcelain tile flooring and separate Kohler soaking tubs and separate showers, as well as Corian or marble vanity tops; mirrored medicine cabinets and full-length vanity mirrors.

Each building features a club room with a terrace and fitness facility, and all units include either one or two deeded indoor parking spaces with storage. With its Arts & Crafts architecture blending easily into the north end of the Half Day Forest Preserve, the community also boasts a private 1.2-acre nature park with the Des Plaines River bike trail to its east. Complementing the site's design is a waterfall feature at the entry to the community from Milwaukee Avenue, and a gazebo adjacent to the nature park.

Two rail stations for the Metra North Central Service line — Vernon Hills and Prairie View — are within minutes of the community, with approximately an hour's commute to the Loop. Travelers may also choose the Lake Forest Metra station, east of the community, on the Milwaukee District North line.

River's Edge is on the east side of Milwaukee Avenue, 1.5 blocks north of Route 22; enter on Benjamin Drive. Office hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. For additional information, call (847) 821-8080 and visit the company's website at www.WeissDevelopment.com.

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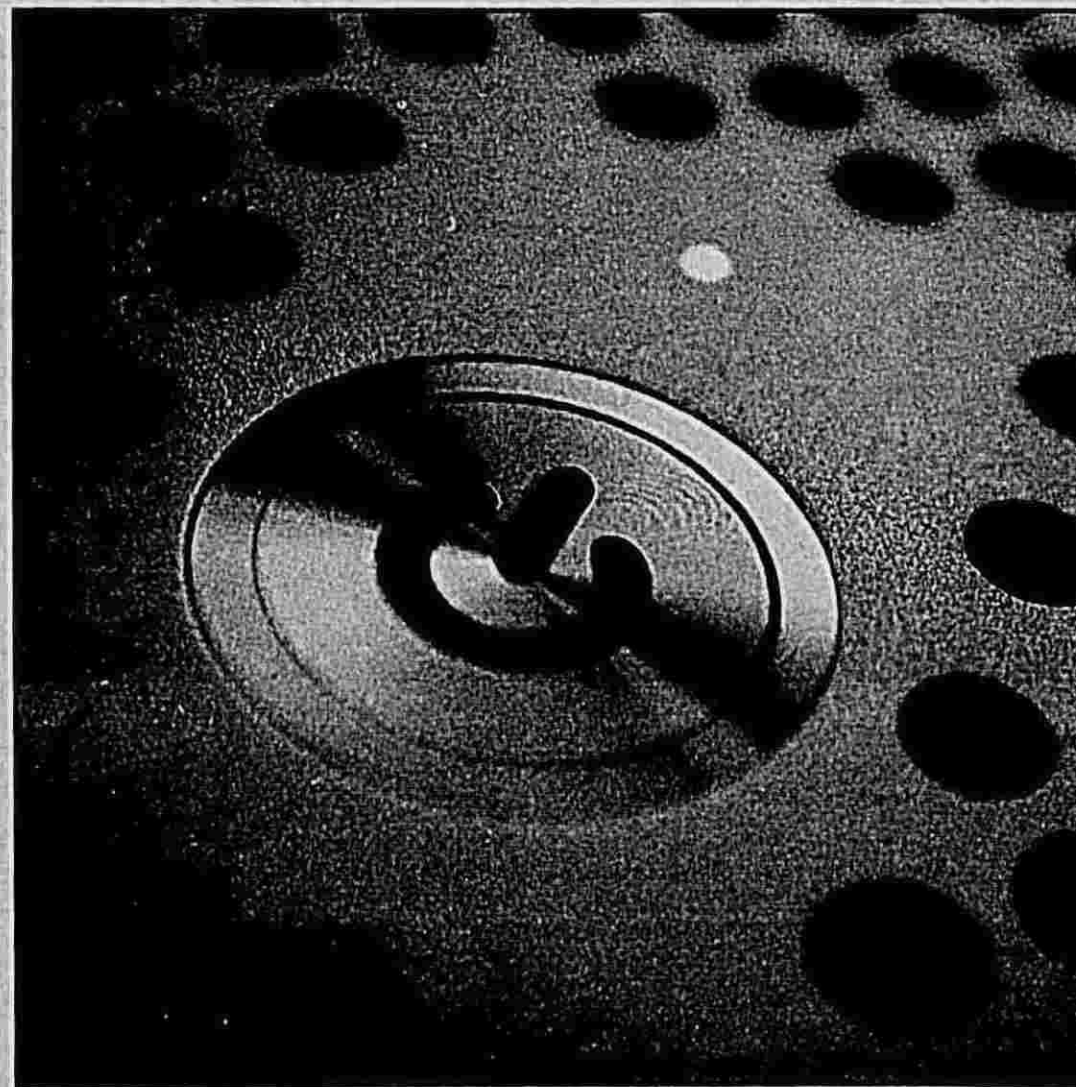
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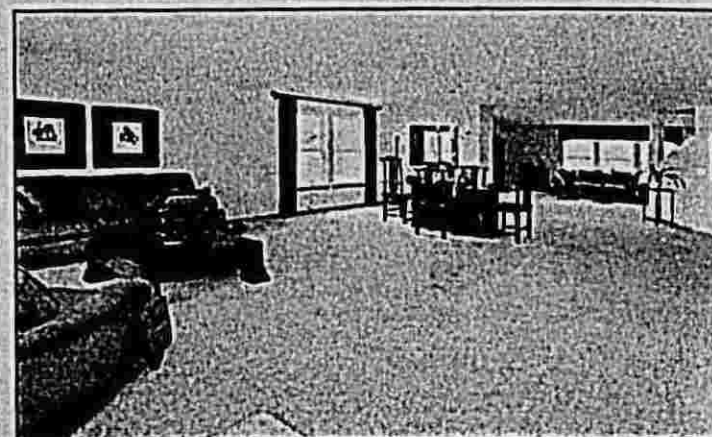
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The 3530 model includes a full basement with crawl space, a first floor study, four second-floor bedrooms, a brick fireplace and a whirlpool tub with separate shower in the master suite.

Four final homes available at Stonebridge Crossing

So many homeowners have already recognized the unprecedented values available in Kennedy Homes' Stonebridge Crossing development in Zion that a closeout of the community—and a rare opportunity for buyers—is at hand.

Kennedy Homes is offering for sale four homes designed to provide maximum flexibility and livable square footage. These are the last homes available for purchase in the popular Stonebridge Crossing community.

"We're very pleased to be able to offer these four top-of-the-line homes to buyers at such value-driven prices. It's a testament to the quality of Stonebridge Crossing that once these homes are sold, this community will be officially closed out," said Bill Gronow, Kennedy Homes operating partner.

The spacious, luxurious 3530 model, a popular model found within Kennedy's value-oriented Lifestyles series, is priced at just \$287,326. This home boasts four second floor bedrooms and two-and-a-half baths, including a master bedroom and bathroom suite, as well as a two-car garage. Special features of this home include a brick elevation and a partial basement with crawl space.

Another 3530 model also available for \$293,125. In addition to four bedrooms, two-and-a-half baths and a partial basement with crawl space, this home also includes a spacious three car garage, perfect for extra storage.

The 2860 model, available for the value-driven price of \$268,895, features an inviting brick exterior, a partial basement with crawl space, two-and-a-half baths, and four bedrooms on the second floor.

The 3160 model, priced at just \$276,601, has four bedrooms and two-and-a-half baths, as well as a two-car garage and partial basement with crawl space.

Each of the spacious two-story homes in Stonebridge Crossing have been meticulously designed and offer incomparable values with extra large family rooms, second floor lofts, formal dining rooms, open kitchens with large walk-in pantries and top-of-the-line appliances, spacious master bedrooms with luxurious bathroom suites and separate walk-in wardrobe rooms, and large secondary bedrooms.

Kitchens are equipped with furniture-quality Aristokraft wood cabinetry, stainless-steel sinks, gas oven/range, multi-cycle dishwasher, garbage disposals and decorative laminate countertops. Bathrooms feature fiberglass tubs, cultured marble tops, oversized mirrors and pedestal sinks in powder rooms.

No one makes customizing a home easier or more convenient than Kennedy Homes, which offers everyone the opportunity to visit its 5,500 square foot Design Center in East Dundee. Within this wonderland of choices, Kennedy Homes has constructed full size kitchens, fireplace and bathroom vignettes for buyers to preview during the selection process. Kennedy's Design Center includes flooring, siding, and roofing materials on display for buyer's to preview in addition to numerous lighting options—all from brand name manufacturers. Now thanks to Kennedy's Design Center, homebuyer decisions can be made in one, convenient location.

Stonebridge Crossing is located within top-notch school districts. Elementary and middle school students will attend Beach Park School District 3 schools, while high school students will attend classes in Zion-Benton Township District 126.

The Metra rail system provides Stonebridge Crossing with easy access north to Milwaukee or south to Chicago, and air travelers can choose between Milwaukee's Mitchell or O'Hare International Airports, both of which are about 40 to 50 minutes away; I-94 and Route 41, located just four miles west of Stonebridge Crossing, are north-south transportation corridors to Milwaukee and Chicago.

For information on this final opportunity and these four homes call (847) 276-0175 or visit www.kennedyhomebuilders.com.

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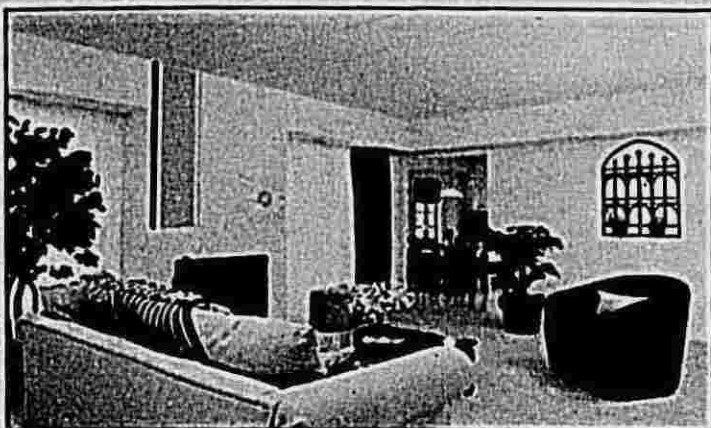
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Sales underway in third condominium building at Farmingdale Village

With brisk condominium sales underway in buildings one and two at Farmingdale Village in Woodridge, builder, Gallagher and Henry, has released homes in building three for sale.

According to sales manager Ray Dahl, a combination of factors have contributed to buyer enthusiasm at Farmingdale Village Condominiums.

"All brick buildings, heated underground parking, storage space and elevator access have all contributed to the success at Farmingdale Village," Dahl said. "In addition, the buildings consist of only 16 homes per building and four homes per floor which our buyers really appreciate. Each home is a corner unit offering maximum sunlight and privacy. And, beyond the homes themselves, the area is a real draw for buyers. I-55 is a short drive to the south and I-355 is just to the west with Metra train service within minutes and every possible restaurant and retailer less than five minutes from your door."

Farmingdale Village is an established Gallagher and Henry community consisting of semi-custom single-family homes, priced from the \$390,000s, and maintenance-free condominiums. A total of 192 condominiums are offered in twelve buildings with buildings one, two and three currently selling homes priced from the low \$300,000s. Three professionally-decorated models are open daily for touring.

"Farmingdale Village has multi-generational appeal," Dahl said. "We have families in the single-family homes that have parents in the condominiums and, in many cases, have several siblings living within the Farmingdale Village community. We started building single-family homes in Farmingdale Village 26 years ago and the available land and the community's popularity led us to expand and open the condominiums. There is a level of security for buyers at Farmingdale Village who know we've been around for awhile and are committed to the neighborhood. They take comfort in knowing they're in an established neighborhood surrounded by semi-custom single-family residences."

The two plans which are shown as models include the Alden and the Dover. Both homes can be purchased with or without a second floor loft overlooking the living room.

Highlights of the Alden include two bedrooms; two baths; formal dining room with tray ceiling; large living room with fireplace; charming kitchen with breakfast room with bay window; master bedroom suite with walk-in closet and private bath with corner whirlpool tub and separate shower; spacious secondary bedroom served by a hall bath; and laundry room. The Alden plan is currently priced from \$310,700 without a loft and \$337,700 with a loft.

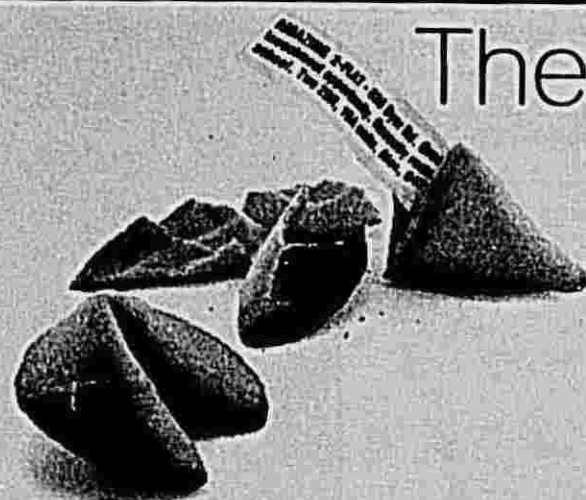
Highlights of the Dover include a large eat-in kitchen with bay window; dining room with tray ceiling; spacious living room with fireplace and access to the balcony; master bedroom suite with walk-in closet and private bath with whirlpool tub; nicely-sized secondary bedroom served by a full hall bath; and laundry room. Currently, the Dover plan is priced from \$306,700 without a loft and \$333,700 with a loft.

Exterior features include masonry construction; heated underground parking with a large storage space; professionally-landscaped surroundings with underground sprinkler system; and spacious balconies.

Interiors feature ceramic tile flooring in the foyer, kitchen, bathrooms and laundry rooms; kitchens with oak or maple kitchen cabinets, Corian counters, Moen faucets and Whirlpool appliances including range, hood, dishwasher and disposal; oak trim and doors; wall-to-wall carpeting in choice of color; central air conditioning; gas furnace; and 50-gallon water heater.

In addition to the convenient commuter access offered at Farmingdale Village, buyers are also minutes from Oak Brook Shopping Center and the newly opened Promenade in Bolingbrook. Seven Bridges Golf Club is nearby as is the Edward Hospital Health and Fitness Center. Children attend top-ranked grammar schools in District #66 and District #99 for high school.

To visit the condominiums at Farmingdale Village, take I-355 to Boughton Road east .5 mile to Woodward Avenue north (left) to the models. OR, take I-55 to Lemont Road north to 87th Street left to Woodward Avenue and right to the models. The models are open daily from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information on the Farmingdale Village condominiums, please call (630) 985-2980 or visit www.gallagherandhenry.com.



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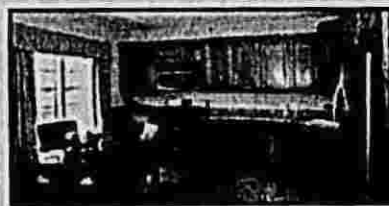
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The new Regency model showcases the latest luxury design trends and urban appointments for the autumn condominium shopping market at The Waterford in Des Plaines.

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deliveries now taking place. Prices for the remaining units range from \$312,400 to \$379,900.

Phase III at The Waterford offers a choice of a one-bedroom-plus-den, two-bedroom, two-bedroom-plus-den and three-bedroom-plus-den floor plans with one or two baths and 1,130 to 1,856 square feet of living space. Phase III prices start from \$269,900. The first residents have already moved into their condominiums.

Examples of some of the luxury appointments included in the residences at The Waterford are: a stainless-steel General Electric appliance package, which includes self cleaning gas range, 21.8 cubic-foot refrigerator, dishwasher, built-in vented microwave and a full-size washer and dryer in white.

Buyers also have a selection of Corian or three-quarter-inch granite counter tops in the kitchen and custom cabinetry.

Other standards include: wood or ceramic kitchen flooring, white colonist or oak trim package, brushed nickel hardware by Schlage; lighting package, kitchen islands per plan; mini-blinds on windows; wood-wrapped windows with deep sills and an indoor heated parking space and storage room.

The Waterford was built on the site of the former Des Plaines library building and in an effort to incorporate some of the old with the new R. Franczak restored the facility's famed cupola and made it the centerpiece of the Waterford development.

The Waterford development is located two blocks from the Metra and several restaurants, including the newly opened Lalo's Mexican Restaurant, Leona's, Cheeseburger in Paradise, Panera Bread, Pot Belly's Sandwich Works and Olivetti's Italian Ristorante.

Other conveniences include a new European-style grocery store named Shop and Save Marketplace, town theater, city hall, new post office and the new four-story state-of-the-art Des Plaines library.

Since 1967, R. Franczak & Associates has a long history of building in Des Plaines with more than 3,000 condominiums built.

In recent years, the company has brought an urban flare to suburban living with its sleek interiors and open floor plans at The Waterford, and The Cambria developments in Des Plaines.

To tour the two new models at the Waterford, please visit the sales center located at 799 Graceland Ave. in Des Plaines. It is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 847-297-6769 or visit our website www.rfranczak.com

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Toll Advantage Days feature cooking demos, workshops and tours on home building technology, landscaping and financing at Hawthorn Woods Country Club this Saturday and Sunday, September 29 and 30 from 10 - 5 p.m.

Home building, workshops, cooking demos at Toll Advantage Days

If you are searching for a new home, you don't want to miss Toll Advantage Days hosted by Toll Brothers, America's luxury home builder on September 29 and 30 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Hawthorn Woods Country Club and six other communities.

Experts will be on hand to explain construction technology and allow potential buyers a peek behind the scenes to discover state-of-the-art building techniques and learn how Toll Brothers homes are built from start to finish.

Chef Guy Jacobucci owner of Savoia T'Go in Palatine will be entertaining guests with a cooking demonstration in the Camel model home showcasing the advantages of using a Viking six-burner range and convection microwave. Guests are invited to taste samples of his culinary feast on Saturday and Sunday from noon to 2 p.m.

In addition, visitors are invited to participate in educational workshops on landscape design, mortgage options, and new home technology.

"Whether you're buying a new home now, or plan to in the future, September 29 and 30 are the two days you can have all your questions answered," stated Andy Stern, Senior Vice President.

Toll Brothers construction managers will conduct guided tours of a home in every stage of construction to teach buyers all about the building process. Since the home will be partially complete, visitors will see exposed framing, mechanicals, insulation and partial drywall. Benefits of name brand products such as Andersen wood windows, Kohler plumbing fixtures, Bruce hardwood floors, GE appliances and Shaw carpeting will be discussed.

In addition to touring the lavishly decorated Camel model, visitors can also walk through the Quick Delivery Carlton and Elkins homes, as well as two private residences - the Chesapeake and Hampton. Three beautifully decorated townhomes and the stunning Mulfield Golf Villa model home are also open for touring.

Since home automation is important to new home buyers, a Toll Brothers' representative will discuss the latest in smart home technology including speaker systems, home automated lighting, intercoms, security systems and a complete home networking system in the beautifully decorated Camel model.

Toll Brothers' mortgage expert, TBI Mortgage Company, will offer advice on different ways to finance a new home and discuss today's financing options on how to obtain the best mortgage terms for your home.

Recognizing that beautiful communities are a Toll Brothers' legacy, there will be a landscape architect providing tips on landscaping and how to create maximum curb appeal. Refreshments will be on hand and everyone is welcome to stop by for a delicious lunch.

Boasting the pleasures of a resort lifestyle, Hawthorn Woods Country Club is a neighborhood of 479 single-family homes and 113 townhomes priced from the upper \$300,000s to over \$1 million. Recognized as the "Best Overall Community" by the Home Builders Association, Hawthorn Woods Country Club features an Arnold Palmer Signature Golf Course and 21,000-square-foot clubhouse.

Stern and all the homeowners are proud of the centerpiece of their impressive community - the 18-hole Arnold Palmer Signature Golf Course. Set against a stunning backdrop of pristine landscapes, the exciting course is marked by rolling fairways and lush greens.

Becoming the hub of social activities for residents is the spectacular 21,000-square-foot clubhouse featuring a dining room, a professionally stocked pro shop, comfortable men's and women's locker rooms, lounges and meeting areas.

Hawthorn Woods Country Club offers a variety of activities for homeowners to enjoy including tennis and platform tennis courts, state-of-the-art fitness center, 25-meter swimming pool and walking trails surrounding the community. A 30-acre community park and hundreds of acres of open space also enhance the surroundings.

Nestled in a picturesque setting, the 674-acre community offers breathtaking views of rolling terrain and clear-blue ponds and lakes. Creative land planning provides spectacular golf course and pristine lake views.

To suit the needs of many different home buyers, Hawthorn Woods Country Club offers three distinctive luxury home collections. The low-maintenance Tournament Collection offers three bedroom, two-and-a-half bath townhomes priced from the upper \$300,000s.

The low-maintenance Golf Villa Collection features three to four bedroom, two-and-a-half bath single-family homes with 2,400 to 3,000 square feet, boasting golf course views and prices start in the upper \$400,000s.

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Upscale features add charm, value to luxury rowhomes at Yorkshire Square

Sophisticated home shoppers who want to combine a carefree, convenient lifestyle with a lavish level of luxuries will find their ideal home at Yorkshire Square.

The Kensington Homes community of urban-style rowhomes in the Aurora-Naperville area features 206 attached residences in a scenic neighborhood centering on a 5-acre park. Base prices range from the mid \$200,000s and two model homes are open for viewing.

"Yorkshire Square is an innovative lifestyle community for professionals who prefer state-of-the-art urban design and convenience yet are also attracted by the quality of life and more affordable prices available in the suburbs," said Scott Plesky, executive vice president of award-winning Kensington Homes. "The Fox Valley area has become a hub for upscale shopping, entertainment and recreation and the proximity of I-88 and the Metra commuter train enables buyers to have the best of all worlds."

"Both professionals and empty-nesters are discovering that Yorkshire Square is a one-of-a-kind community with a distinctive land plan and urban architecture. This community is an exciting example of what can be achieved with in-fill settings."

Situated one-half mile west of the Westfield Fox Valley Shoppingtown Mall and less than a mile from the Route 59 Metra commuter train station, Yorkshire Square is close to the bustling conveniences of extensive shopping, eateries and entertainment. A park-like setting creates a distinctive identity for the community with its boulevard entry, walking trails and expansive park featuring a lake, pond, gazebo and a pavilion for enjoying beautiful views of the mature trees and wetlands that border the community. The distinctive rowhome exteriors add to the neighborhood's charm with covered porches, rooflines with gables and dormers and color-coordinated vinyl siding with aluminum soffits and fascia.

Residents will also appreciate the convenience shopping center

at the entrance to the community and the highly-rated Naperville #204 school district, an important element in the appreciation value of the homes.

"Yorkshire Square has been designed for the many buyers who prefer a lifestyle with freedom from exterior maintenance," said Cheryl Bonk, director of sales and marketing. "The homes have a sophisticated, urban character that is attractive to those who enjoy the city yet also want to be close to suburban amenities such as golf courses, forest preserves and panoramic views of nature."

"The architecture of the rowhomes has been further enhanced with an impressive list of features included at no extra cost for a limited time. Priced as extras with other area builders, these features add thousands of dollars in value to the homes. They also reflect the level of custom-influenced detail for which Kensington Homes is known," she said.

These included features are garden basements; nine-foot first-floor ceilings; kitchens with Whirlpool stainless-steel appliances including a refrigerator, washer and dryer, crown molding on the cabinets and brushed nickel hardware plus roll-out shelves in base cabinets; white six-panel doors and trim; wall-to-wall carpeting; brushed nickel hardware on all interior lighting and hardware; deluxe Kohler plumbing; wood cedar decks; 50-gallon water heaters and high-efficiency furnaces.

Two 1,702-square-foot floor plans are offered at Yorkshire Square and they can be adapted in several ways. The floor plans include large great rooms with optional fireplaces; kitchens with pantries and breakfast rooms; rear cedar decks overlooking landscaped courtyards; second-floor master bedrooms with large walk-in closets with windows and private access to compartmented baths; and three bedrooms. The lower level garden basements include storage rooms, large utility rooms and two-car garages.

"Buyers will appreciate the flexibility of these floor plans as well



Yorkshire Square in Aurora offers convenience, a park-like setting and freedom from exterior maintenance.

as the value," Bonk said. "A luxurious residence is assured for the base price, and personalizing options are available to further accent the homes. Attractive financing programs are available through our preferred lenders, and those who would like to move in before spring can take advantage of one of our 'Ready & Waiting' homes."

Yorkshire Square is located approximately one-half mile west of the Westfield Fox Valley Shoppingtown regional mall on New York Street in the Route 59 corridor between Naperville and Aurora. To visit the sales center, take I-88 west to Route 59, south to New York Street, west just past Frontenac. Hours are daily 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday from noon to 6 p.m.; and the sales center is closed on Wednesday and Thursday. Please call Yorkshire Square at (630) 585-7650 or visit on-line at mykensingtonhome.com.



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Pulte Homes' Del Webb brand ranks highest in customer satisfaction in Chicago, as reported by J.D. Power and Associates

Del Webb also tops local rankings in first-time study of new-home design

Del Webb brand of Pulte Homes has received the highest ranking for customer satisfaction in the Chicago market, according to the results announced today for the 2007 J.D. Power and Associates New-Home Builder Customer Satisfaction Study.

In addition, Pulte Homes' Del Webb operations in Chicago ranked highest among local homebuilders for new-home design — a new industry study added to the J.D. Power and Associates New-Home Builder rankings for 2007.

Pulte brands, which include Pulte Homes, Del Webb and DiVosta, were surveyed in 26 of the 34 markets covered in the 2007 J.D. Power and Associates New-Home Builder Customer Satisfaction StudySM. Pulte Homes operations garnered 11 top rankings in customer satisfaction, and were ranked No. 2 in nine markets and No. 3 in six markets. Pulte Homes operations ranked among the top three builders in 21 of the 26 markets in which they were surveyed for customer satisfaction in 2007.

"It's extremely satisfying to be recognized by our homeowners for our ongoing commitment to customer satisfaction," said Brian Brunhofer, president of Pulte Homes' Illinois operations. "Ensuring a positive experience for our homebuyers is as important to us as delivering a quality home and we put great effort into understanding what each of our buyer types look for in a home's layout, function and visual appeal. To receive outstanding recognition in customer satisfaction as well as the new design study really underscores Pulte Homes' commitment to complete customer delight."

The New-Home Design Study, new for 2007, assesses builders' home designs through homebuyer evaluations of the overall appeal and function of the home. Rankings are based on a 1,000-point index score which evaluates design elements in seven categories: exterior architectural design, windows and exterior doors, interior comfort and environment, floor plan and layout, kitchen, master/primary bathroom, and flooring.

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To qualify for the 2007 New-Home Builder Customer Satisfaction Study, builders in each market had to have a minimum of 150 home closings in the prior year and a minimum of 50 returned questionnaires.

Magellan's Joel Carlins inducted into Chicago Association of Realtors Hall of Fame

For his distinguished career as a real estate developer, Joel M. Carlins, co-CEO of Magellan Development Group LLC has been inducted into the Chicago Association of Realtors (CAR) illustrious Hall of Fame. Some 1,200 real estate professionals, business and civic leaders were expected to attend the Sept. 28

inaugural at the Hyatt Regency Chicago.

Carlins has been one of the principal driving forces in the evolution of Magellan Development Group into one of Chicago's most prolific condominium developers, creating premier urban residences designed with sensitivity to their surrounding neighborhood.

Since its founding in 1987, Magellan's creative Chicago development work has reintroduced condominium living to the central business district, revitalized the River North and Gold Coast communities and now extends to the creation of the magnificent Lakeshore East urban village. Magellan recently received CAR's 2007 Good Neighbor Award in the Commercial New Construction Category for Lakeshore East, winner of a National Honor Award for excellence in urban design from the American Institute of Architects (AIA) for its master plan.

The zenith of Carlins' vision as a real estate entrepreneur, Lakeshore East is a \$4 billion lifestyle center that will combine housing, retail, office, hotel facilities and a proposed elementary school, bordering a magnificent, award-winning 6-acre park. Perceived as one of the largest parcels of downtown property under development in any major U.S. city, this new mixed-use complex is situated near the confluence of Lake Michigan and the Chicago River on the booming New East Side of downtown Chicago.

Carlins attended the Chicago Academy of Fine Arts and holds a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Illinois and a Juris Doctor of Law degree from DePaul University. He is a member of the Sigma Delta Chi professional journalism society and is licensed to practice law in Illinois and the Virgin Islands.

Carlins previously has held leadership roles or is actively involved in an extensive list of charitable and community organizations, including: president of Patrons of Washington Square Park; director and past president of Yul Brynner Cancer Research Foundation; co-chairman of the NFL Mackey Awards Banquet on behalf of the Better Boys Foundation and is the founder and sponsor of the Ogden Elementary School Mentoring Program and Scholarship Fund. He is currently a director of the Lawson House YMCA and the Greater North Michigan Avenue Assn. and is a former director of the River North Association and the Auxiliary Board of the Art Institute of Chicago. He is also a member of the Chicago Chamber of Commerce, The Chicago Development Council, and City Club of Chicago.

Other past directorships include Chicago Chapter of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences and recently served as a director of Roosevelt University's newly established Real Estate Program. He has been a member and lecturer of the executive board Roosevelt University's Real Estate MBA Program. He has lectured on various topics at several academic institutions as well as numerous real estate and professional organizations including Real Estate Investment Association, the Illinois Bar Association and the Illinois CPA Society.

Academic institutions with which he has been affiliated include Columbia College, DePaul University's masters program, the University of Buffalo, the University of Illinois and the Urban Land Institute.

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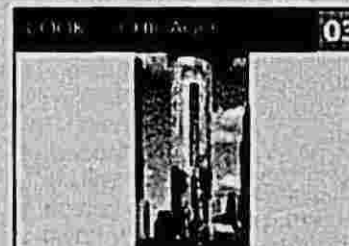
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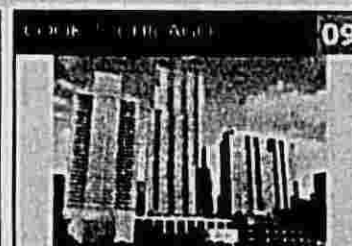
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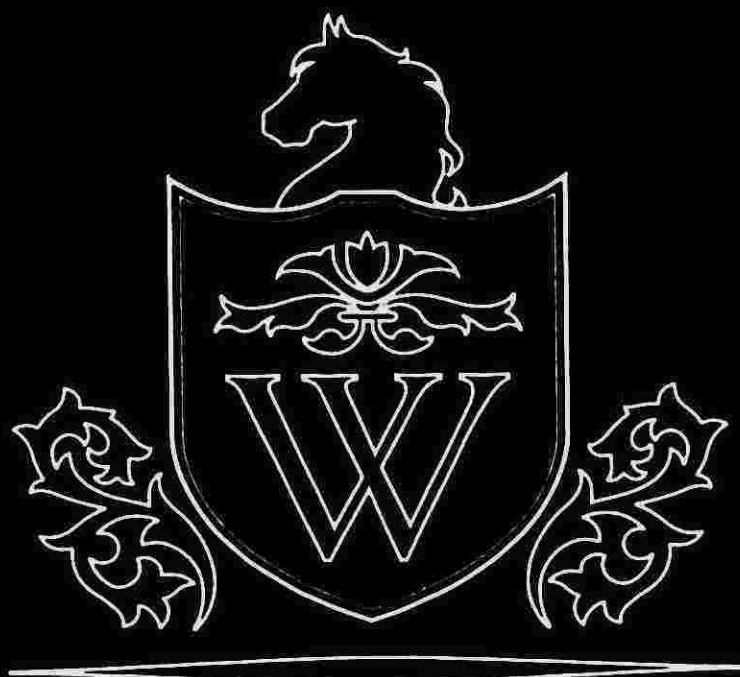
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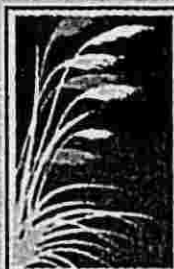
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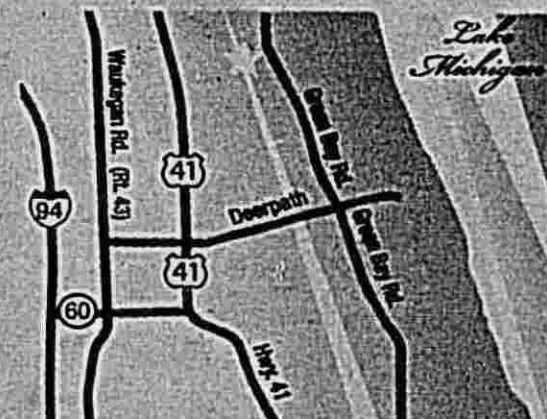
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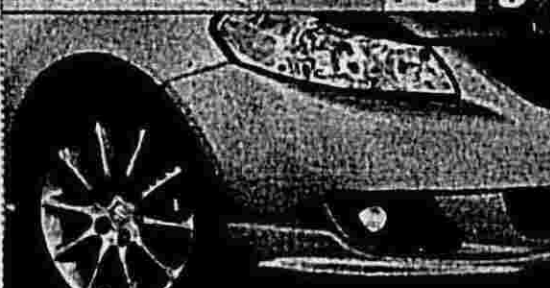
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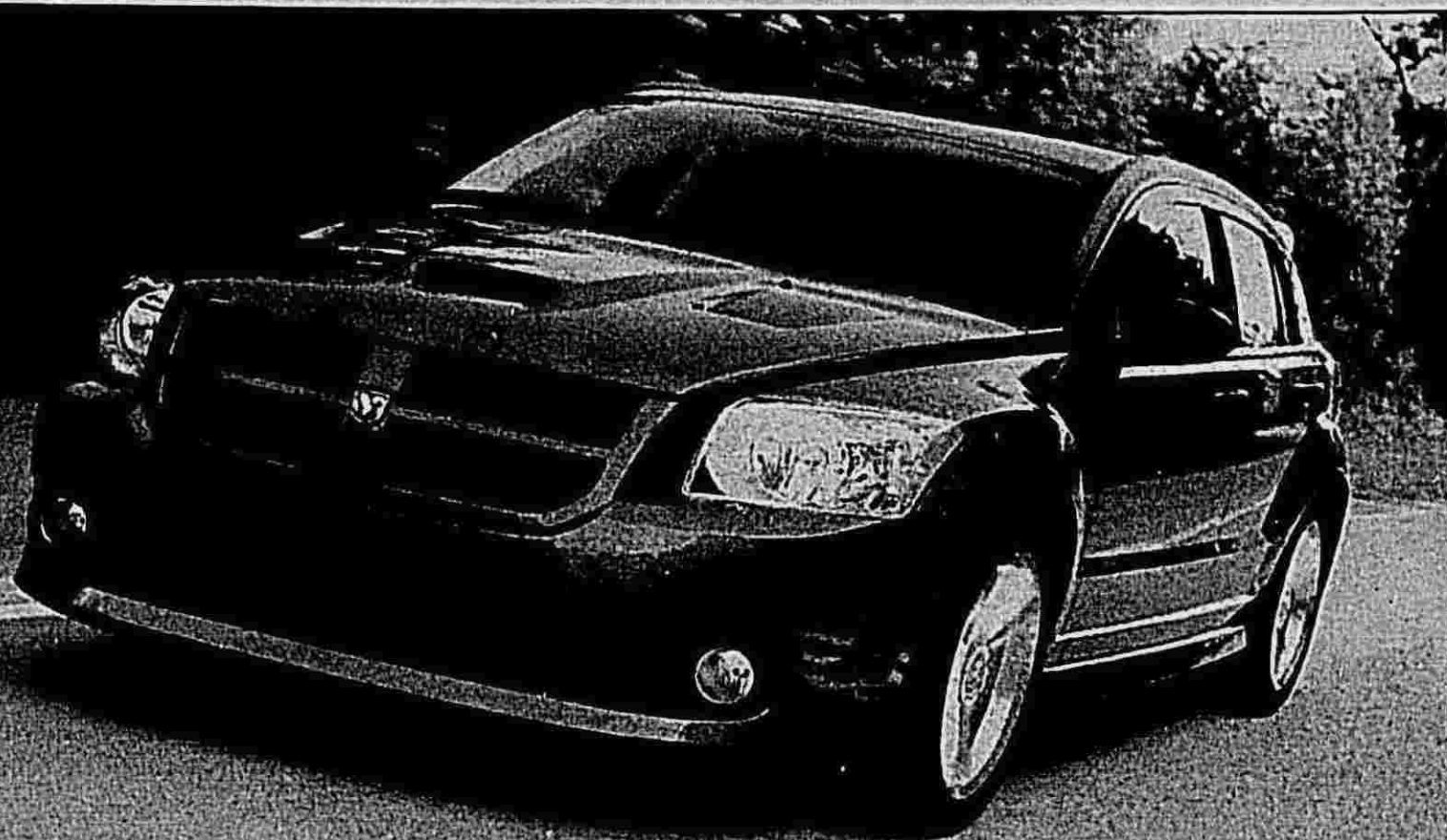
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An SRT of a different Caliber



Jeff Taylor
Auto Writer

I know, I know, but I just couldn't resist using that title and besides the 2008 Dodge SRT4 Caliber is a huge leap from the standard version. The SRT4 is a little cartoonish; a contemporary Dodge Omni GLH with a little Plymouth Road Runner thrown in as I discovered in part two of my Indiana adventure. Dodge tagged along on the Jeep Liberty program to roll out their latest entry in the SRT line.

Dodge's Street and Racing Technology (SRT) team waved their wrench over the capable Caliber to come up with a new performance beast. SRT mandates that each vehicle showcase five key aspects: bold exterior styling, race-inspired interiors, performance ride and handling characteristics, benchmark braking and standout powertrain. The all-new Caliber SRT4 delivers solidly in four of five areas.

ENGINE MANAGEMENT

On the power plant side I was a bit disappointed in the final 285 horsepower of the inline-four turbo engine. In earlier press releases, Dodge had announced 300 horses. Don't get me wrong, 285 horsepower and 265 pound-feet of torque is mucho strong in a vehicle tipping the scales at 3,189 lbs.

However, pulling up to a Mustang GT at the line (track) and packing equal heat would have been very interesting.

To get the horses up, Dodge turns over the aluminum 2.4-liter 4 cylinder "World Engine" to the SRT team. The block is specially machined for increased water flow stuffed with unique cast pistons, tri-metal bearings are used for the connecting rods and crankshaft for high-performance durability. The aluminum cylinder head is equipped with high-temperature exhaust valves. Dual VVT uses computer mapping to open and close intake and exhaust valves at optimal points for efficient combustion and flow. These modifications along with a turbocharger and dozens of other enhancements help elevate the 2.4-liter above its economy class 172 horses.

Feeding the beast requires 93 premium unleaded and estimated fuel economy is 21 mpg in the city and 26 mpg on the highway, if you're gentle on the pedal.

SHIFT POINTS

Power is transferred to the front wheels through a dual-mass flywheel directed by a GF six-speed manual transmission. The dual-mass flywheel consists of two flywheels sandwiching internal springs that are specially tuned to reduce noise and vibration. The shifts were very quick and the six gears

really take advantage of the peaky engine. An automatic is not offered.

EXTERIOR IS AGGRESSIVE COOL

The SRT4 has an aggressive SRT look including stance, a new front fascia with functional brake cooling ducts and a larger grille opening. One of the coolest parts is the hood incorporating a functional scoop that brings cool air into the engine compartment and a pair of extractors that vent the hot stuff.

A large integrated spoiler above the rear glass eases air flow and reduces lift. The radius wheel wells and lower side-sill moldings along with the rear fascia continue the muscular theme. A single "trash can" style 4-inch exhaust tip exits from the right side of the fascia.

INTERIOR IS PUMPED UP

While the standard Caliber R/T interior is nice the SRT team takes it to another level. The sport seating with aggressive bolstering and performance fabric inserts fit me like a glove, and they are perfect for aggressive driving. Full SRT instrumentation includes three gauge "tunnels" with a center-mounted

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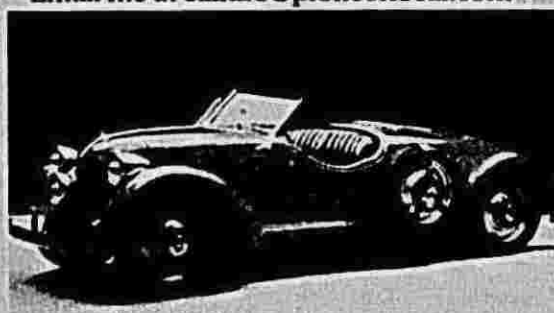
Last week we ran a picture of a 1935 Mercedes-Benz 150 and asked you if you knew your car stuff and sure enough you did. I

am definitely have to kick it up a notch! The 1935 Mercedes-Benz 150 was a rear-engine Mercedes powered by a four-cylinder 1498 cc engine producing 55 horsepower at 4500 rpm. It had a top speed of 86.94 mph! Unfortunately, production stopped in 1938 due to its unpopularity. That's too bad since it was one beautiful vehicle.

Congratulations to Chris & Nicole Hine, Donald L'Amoureux, Ronald Garlsch, Ed Kaleta, Adam Marx, Bill

Siegfried, Dean Kocina, and John White for getting this weeks answer correct!

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You might not have a local Maserati dealer, but you'll have to find one somewhere if you want an Alfa Romeo 8C Competizione. Then again, if you know what an 8C is, you probably already know where the dealer is.

Hot off the press

Alfa Romeo cars will be as near as ... your local Maserati dealer: Ready for some Italian style on these shores? Fiat executives have said that its Maserati dealers will relaunch Alfa Romeo in North America in 2009 or 2010. Fiat owns both brands. As well, Roger Penske, chief executive officer of Penske Automotive, said that he has had informal conversations with Fiat S.p.A. about becoming an independent distributor of Alfas. Penske Automotive is the U.S. distributor for Mercedes-Benz's Smart brand, which goes on sale in the United States in early 2008. Maserati has not begun ramping up to sell Alfa Romeo as executives say it's too early and that many hurdles remain. A select group of Maserati dealers will sell the Alfa Romeo 8C Competizione in mid-2008. When Alfa returns, it would launch at least three vehicles including a hatchback.

Green is King when it comes to a massive Mercedes-Benz product expansion: A new and invigorated Daimler without Chrysler will be an interesting car company on the Mercedes-Benz side of the product ledger. How interesting? Consider that

Daimler unveiled 18 alternative-fuel vehicles at the recent Frankfurt, Germany, auto show and the Pioneer Press hears that 17 of those will go into production by 2010. A half dozen or more of them will come to North America. Hybrid gas/electric versions of the Mercedes ML sport-ute and S-Class sedan will go on sale in North America in 2009, the Pioneer Press hears, and Mercedes will launch clean-diesel versions of the GL sport-ute, the ML and the R-Class wagon next year. Alternative-power versions of the Smart fortwo city car also could cross the Atlantic. A trial with 100 electric fortwo cars is under way in London, England. Roger Penske, chief executive officer of Penske Automotive Group, wants the experiment extended to the United States. His company is Smart's U.S. distributor. What does all of this mean? Green is king these days.

Cadillac consolidates its large front- and rear-wheel-drive sedans: So much for building two big Caddy cars. The Pioneer Press hinted at this before, but now there are more details on the front-drive DTS and rear-drive STS being melded into one premium-luxury sedan. That segment was booming five years ago when Cadillac introduced the DTS and STS. But things have changed. "Arguably, we don't need two entries there anymore, given the shrinkage of that segment," Jim Taylor, Cadillac's general manager, said last week in an interview with trade newspaper Automotive News. Taylor's spin is that nei-

ther car is going away but, rather, one car will combine the best attributes of both and eventually fill that segment. He did not give a time frame. Cadillac is also primed for a new entry-level vehicle. "Can we use (a) vehicle at \$28,000-\$32,000 that would address a whole other customer group that would be under the CTS? Absolutely," Taylor said. He also said the idea of a flagship sedan — above a blended DTS/STS — for Cadillac is still alive.

French automakers say there are bigger fish to fry in other countries; brands will not reemerge in North America: With small vehicles taking up a larger portion of the auto market, you would think that the French carmakers would be a natural for these shores. Not so. The chief executives of the two big French automakers gave an emphatic "non" to any thought of re-entering North America in the next few years. "Nobody's awaiting us in the United States, especially when you start with an extremely high euro (currency)," Christian Streiff, chief executive officer of PSA/Peugeot-Citroen,

told industry trade paper Automotive News at the Frankfurt, Germany, auto show. The Peugeot brand left North America in 1991. Renault's Carlos Ghosn said that the United States makes no sense for his company in the foreseeable future. Russia and other markets are a much better bet, said Streiff.



Renault's Carlos Ghosn says the United States makes no sense for his company, at least for the time being.

Market Indicators

VW's ambitions: Volkswagen wants to increase its group sales to one million units in North America by 2018 and focus the VW brand on four core vehicles. VW sales alone would have to more than triple to 800,000, from 2006's sales of 235,140. Audi sales would more than double to 200,000, from 90,116 last year. The strategy means a major shift for Volkswagen. Its lineup will be priced about five percent above its U.S. and Japanese competition, rather than the current 10 percent, but it will try to be a premium brand, attempting to compete against Mercedes-Benz and BMW with a similar vehicle range. Rather than depend on many — and sometimes not very successful — niche vehicles, VW will concentrate on four that are designed and targeted for North America, including two volume sedans, the small Tiguan sport-utility vehicle that goes on sale here next year and a mid-sized sport-ute.



Can VW triple its sales? That seems lofty, but new vehicles such as the Tiguan will help.

Satellite navigation in every car ... at least Mercedes-Benz cars: First BMW said it was going to partner with Google and Apple Computer to make its satellite navigation system work. Now, Mercedes-Benz will launch a service with Google Inc. and Yahoo! Inc. that allows vehicle owners to e-mail driving directions found on the Web to their vehicle from their home computer. The Mercedes-Benz Search & Send service integrates the Google and Yahoo! map data, along with details on points of interest, into navigation systems. Web maps improve safety and convenience because they allow drivers to figure out routes in advance of their travels instead of fumbling around while en route to their destination. Mercedes is making Search & Send available on high-end S- and CL-Class vehicles and on its new C-Class line. The service is expected to roll out across the entire U.S. line of Mercedes vehicles during 2008. Late last month, BMW expanded a Google mapping service in Germany to allow mobile searching directly from vehicles.



Instead of getting rid of one of its two high-end cars (DTS top, STS above), Cadillac will replace both with a new model.

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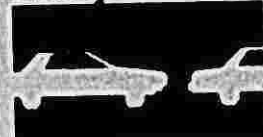
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Anti-lock Brakes.....ABS
Automatic Transmission.....Auto or AT
Average.....Avg.
B
Battery.....Batt.
Between.....Btwn.
Black.....Blk.
Brakes.....Brks.
Brown.....Brwn.
C
Carburetor.....Carb.
Cassette.....Cass.
Certified miles.....Cert. mi.
Condition.....Cond.
Convertible.....Conv.
Cruise Control.....Cruise
Cylinder.....Cyl.

D
Dealer.....Dir.
Door(s).....DR
E
Engine.....Eng.
Equipment/Equipped.....Equip.
Excellent.....Exc.

F
Financing.....Fin.
Four Wheel Drive.....4WD
G
Garage.....Gar.
H
Hatchback.....Htchbk. or HB
Horsepower.....HP
Hardtop.....Hrdtp.

I
Immaculate.....Immac.
Interior.....Int.
K
Thousand.....K
L
Leather.....Lthr.

M
Miles.....Mi.
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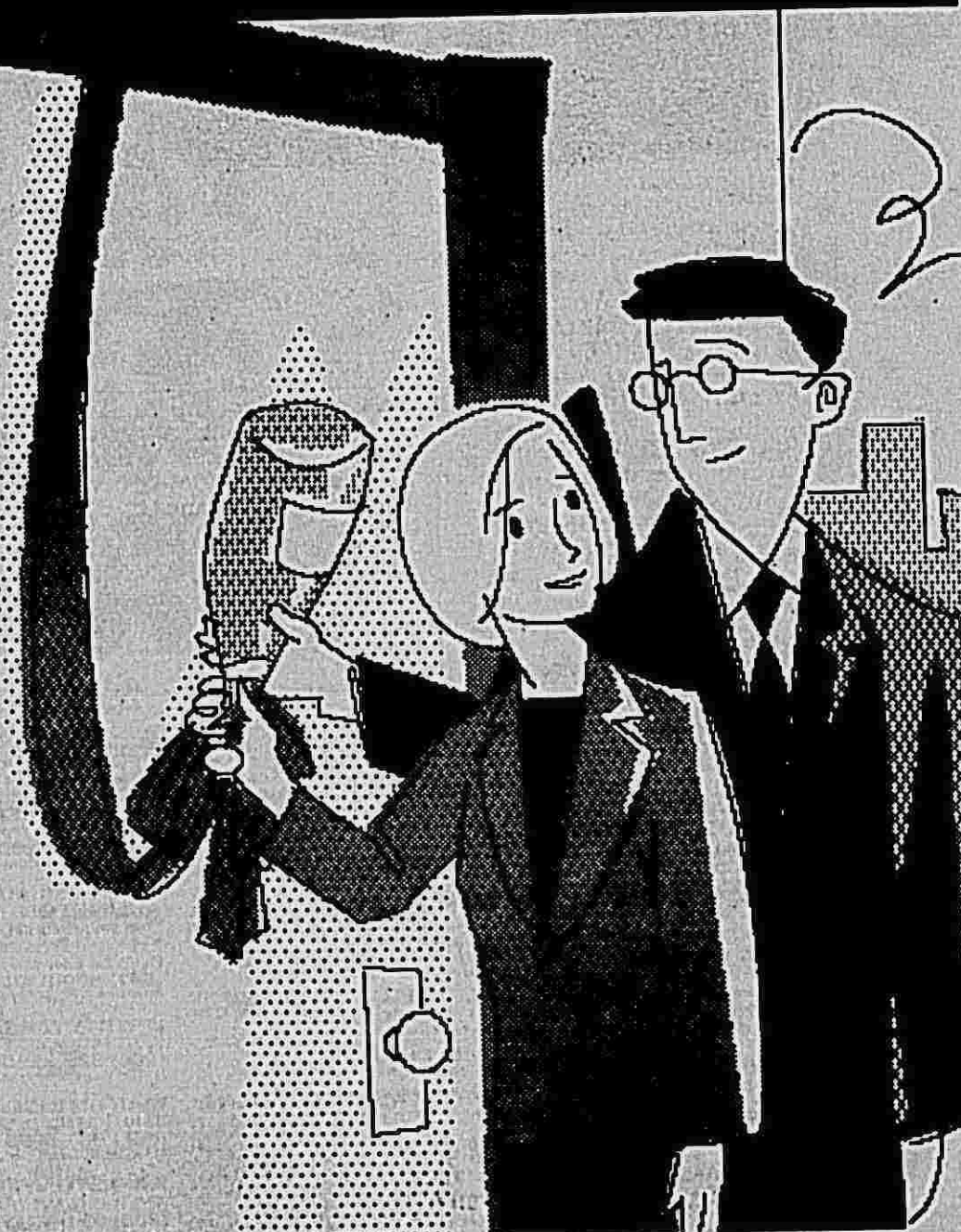
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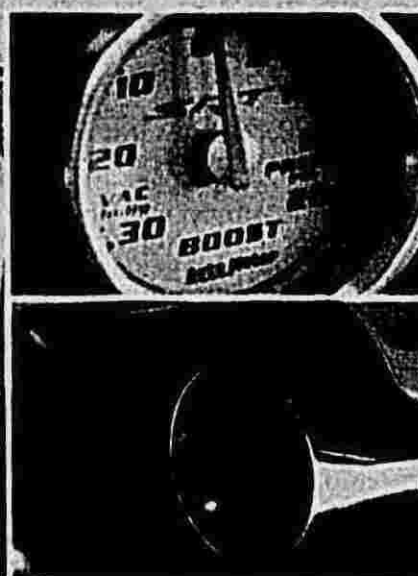


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tachometer, optimistic 180-mph speedometer, coolant temperature and fuel gauges. An electronic boost gauge is located on the left side of the instrument panel. A high tech feature is the Reconfigurable Display (RCD), which can display 0-60 mph acceleration time, 1/8-mile and 1/4-mile acceleration time and speed, braking distance, and G-forces.

The SRT4 can be practical with 48 cubic-feet of cargo space and seating for five.

An SRT-engineered Kicker high-performance audio system includes 13-speakers in seven spots, powered by a 322-watt amplifier and 200-watt subwoofer—this system is loud!

BRAKING TO THE EXTREME

Going fast and cutting through corners is great, but eventually you have to slow down and the SRT4 is stellar in this respect. The Caliber SRT4 features 13-inch front rotors with twin-piston alu-

minum front calipers and beefy rear rotors and piston calipers. Think about it; not too long ago some cars had 13-inch wheels!

The Anti-lock Braking System is calibrated for the SRT4's performance to minimize stopping distance and maintain directional stability without wheel lockup. Additionally the SRT4 featured Brake Assist, which senses a panic brake condition and applies maximum braking power to attain the shortest stopping distance possible. I tested this out and it felt like I pulled a few G's during very hard braking.

RIDE AND HANDLING

Ok, this is where I had a little problem with the front wheel drive SRT4. During hard initial launches the steering wheel is yanked forcefully to the right. I haven't experienced torque steer like this in many years. In normal around town and slightly aggressive launches torque steer is manageable.

The front suspension is lowered 28mm, and features an independent MacPherson strut setup, with ZF Sachs twin-tube dampers tuned by SRT, and 210 lbs./inch springs. Ride height is lowered 22mm in the rear. The body "drop" looks cool and lowers the center of gravity for improved handling. Rear suspension highlights include an independent multilink system with upper and lower lateral links, SRT-tuned ZF Sachs twin-tube coilover dampers and 240 lb./inch springs. A unique rear 18mm sway bar reduced understeer and kept the body in line during hard cornering.

The rack-and-pinion power steering is tuned by SRT to produce easier low-speed maneuvering that is really responsive.

The Caliber SRT4 greets the road with distinctive SRT-unique 19-inch cast-aluminum wheels and meaty 225/45R19 W-rated Goodyear four-season tires. You can "cowboy up" (recommended) with optional 19-inch polished cast-alu-

minum wheels and 225/45R19 W-rated Goodyear F1 Supercar three-season tires. Aside from the aggressive launches this car was very responsive and Dodge even had a race course available to safely test the handling limits. The road and handling experience, while somewhat unrefined, is comparable to some sports cars for about 40 to 45% less.

SRT BOOSTS PERFORMANCE AND PRICE

The 2008 Dodge Caliber SRT4 comes well-equipped for a base MSRP of \$22,995 (a base Caliber is \$14,600, R/T is \$19,000), including a \$560 destination charge. Add the Kicker/SRT Livin' Loud audio system (\$1,190), power-express open/close sun roof (\$795), and the trick 19 x 7.5-inch polished aluminum SRT wheels (\$400) and you have quite a performance buy for \$25,380.

I liked the Neon SRT4 and the new 2008 Caliber version is even better—just hang on to the steering wheel.

Oil leak has owner wondering whether to repair or sell



Ira Siegel
Contributor

Q : I took my car into the dealer for an oil change and I was informed that my engine is leaking oil from the lower intake manifold gasket and the valve cover gaskets. The cost for repairs would be approximately \$675 for the lower intake manifold gasket and \$315 for the valve cover gaskets. The car has 47k miles. Do you think I should fix the car or get rid of it? E.D., Orland Park

A : E.D., that depends on how old the car is, what its worth, and whether you like the car, or not. Of course, if you'd rather be driving a new car, trade it in and let someone else deal with the expense of fixing the oil leaks. If you're on a budget and can't afford a new vehicle, or you really like this car, I'd recommend you get a second opinion. If the car is more than five years old, though, be prepared to spend more money in the future to keep it maintained.

Q : There's a whirlybird-ish type noise coming from my 1998 Chevrolet Malibu. It's only there when the engine is on and I noticed it after the car was serviced about six months ago. What do you think it is? M.B., Chicago

A : M.B., try changing the blower speeds for the climate control system to see if the noise changes pitch or goes away. If changing the blower speed affects the noise, the problem is the blower motor. If not, the noise could be coming from another electrical device. Take your Malibu to a technician who's ASE certified in electrical repairs for a proper diagnosis.

Q : I have a 1999 Acura 3.2 TL with a check engine light on. My regular mechanic couldn't locate the problem and thinks it might be the computer. Another person thinks it might be the catalytic converter. What do you think? A.M., Chicago

A : A.M., the first step in diagnosis involves determining what trouble code caused the check engine light to illuminate. The next step is to follow the appropriate diagnostic steps to determine the cause of the trouble code. I would not recommend replacing parts unless you're absolutely sure they will fix the problem. Take your Acura to a repair facility that specializes in these types of repairs.

Q : We own a 2006 Mercury Grand Marquis with 11,000 miles. We purchased it in February 2006. From the very beginning the transmission would have a short hesitation when shifting from first gear. The dealer has told my wife that it must be adjusted to the driver. Can you

believe that one? I wonder if any recalls or other problems similar to ours have been reported. L.C., Barrington

A : L.C., while it's true that many of today's electronically-controlled automatic transmissions learn the driver's driving characteristics to slightly modify the shift schedule, it should not take four months (Feb. - June) to do so. Many times shift issues can be resolved with revised software for the controller. However, I don't believe a software flash will fix this particular problem. After doing a

service bulletin search, I found that TSB # 06-22-7 addresses this concern. This TSB mentions that a check ball inside the transmission's valve body may need replacement. I recommend you take your Grand Marquis back to the dealer and mention this TSB.

Ira Siegel is an Automotive Instructor and ASE Certified Master Auto Technician. If you have auto-related questions for Ira, you can call and leave your questions at the Auto Adviser Hotline at (708)-633-6839 or e-mail a question to autoadvisr@aol.com.



Can you name which make/model/year this car is and who designed it? Email me at callfaro@pioneerlocal.com

A snake in shark infested waters

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This past weekend I took a trip down south to Effingham, Illinois, for the annual Corvette Funfest, now in its fourteenth year. Almost 14,000 Corvettes united from all over the country to be a part of this special event sponsored by Mid America Motorworks.

Just to make things a little more exciting, I went down in a Venom Red 2008 Dodge Viper SRT10. With no doubt the Viper had the most stock horsepower at the festival.

The new 8.4-liter V-10 engine produces an astounding 600 horsepower and 560 pound-feet of torque. That's 90 horsepower more than its predecessor. The

Viper accelerates from 0-60 mph in less than 4 seconds and has a top speed of 200 mph.

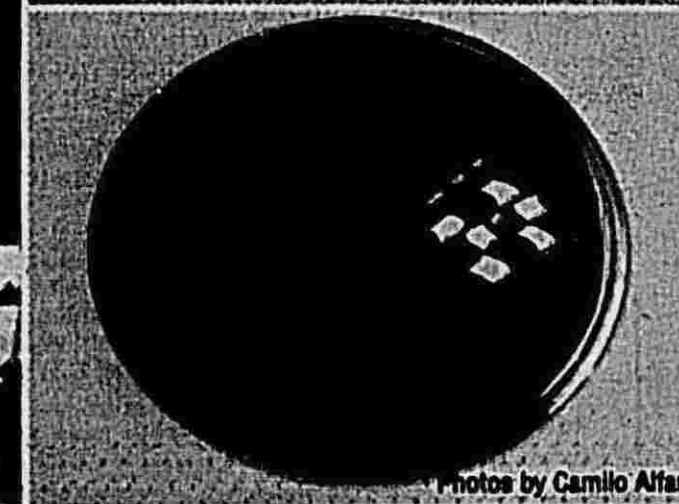
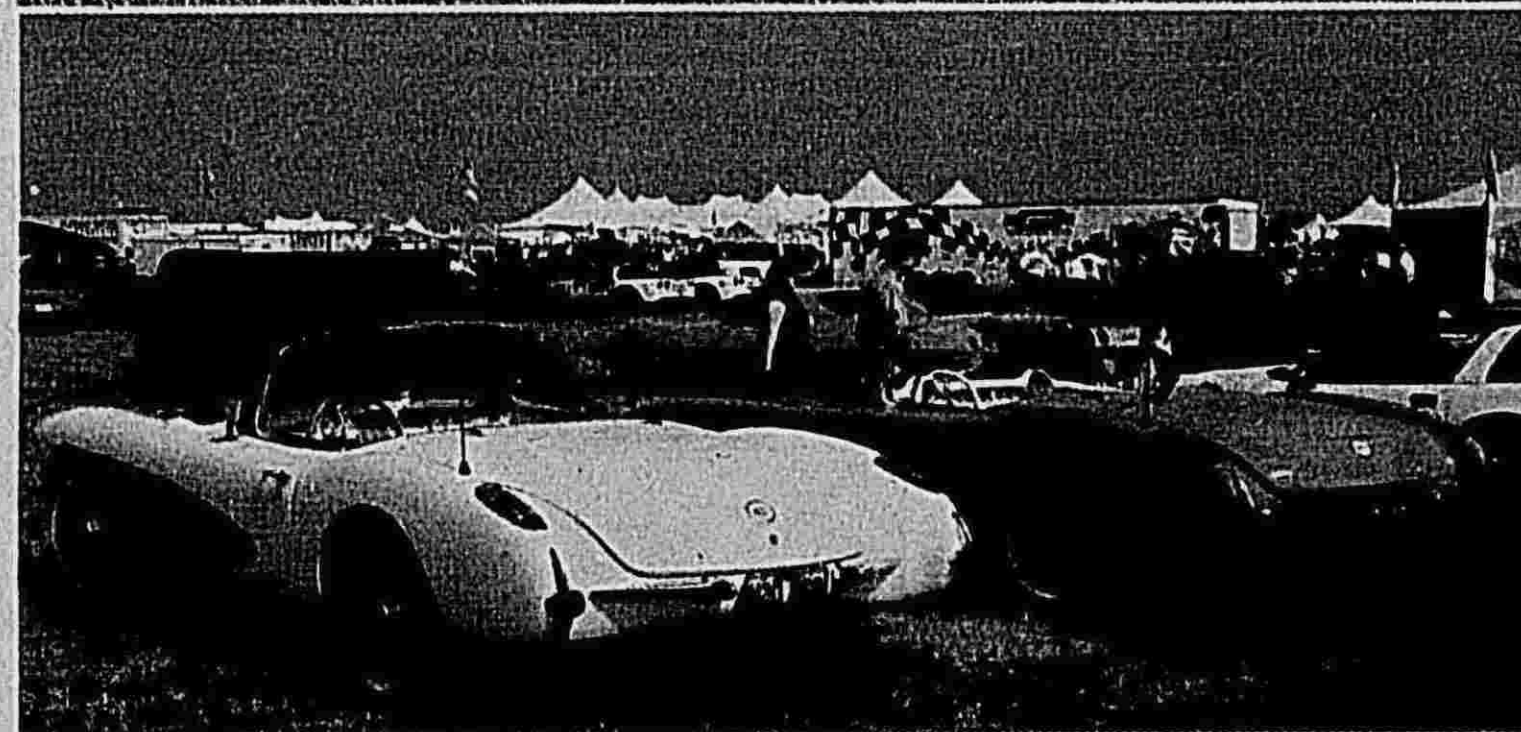
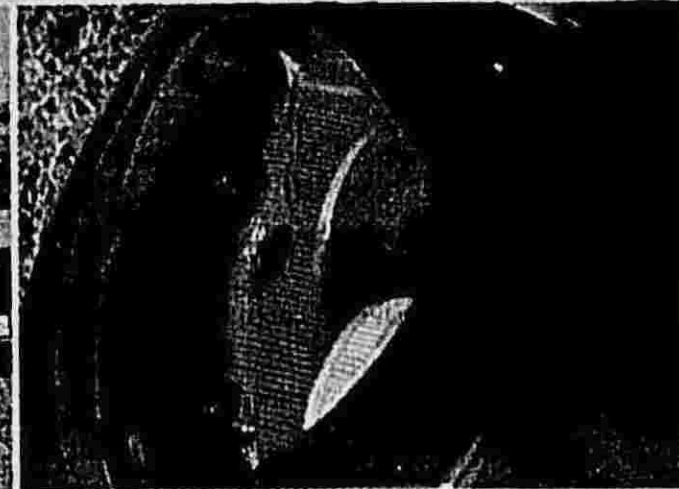
One thing I noticed about the Viper is that everybody loves it. Almost every person I passed on the highway and/or on the street gave looks of admiration to the Viper and always gave it the thumbs up. I never get this type of reaction from the public in any other vehicle. There is a sense of American pride in the Viper and it shares it with everyone. At Funfest, some Corvette owners asked why I brought the Viper, and answered, "This is a celebration of American sports cars." The majority of them were interested in the Viper and were joyful to see it at the festival. I am happy to see Dodge and Chevrolet building excellent sports cars. For now the Viper has the advantage with 600 horsepower, but the word on the street is that Chevrolet is planning a supercharged Super-Corvette to be called the ZR-1.

Lets see what happens!

I was amazed by the infinite rows of Corvettes being displayed. It was so cool being in Effingham that weekend, and it seemed that the entire town had been invaded by Corvettes. I realized that Corvette owners customize their 'Vettes just like Harley owners customize their hogs.

This year's theme was "Celebrating a Corvette Summer." And celebrating they did! Featured guests included George Barris, the "King of the Kustomizers." Three Dog Night also played a great free concert and rumor has it that the Beach Boys played there a couple of years ago.

It was a festive Corvette of a time! I brought back some images to share with you from this very exciting event.



Photos by Camilo Alfaro

NASCAR



Carl Edwards does a Chase "flip"



Jeff Taylor

Auto Writer

Carl Edwards won the Dodge Dealers 400 to score his seventh career Nextel Cup victory, his first at Dover International Speedway and his third this season.

Then after the victory NASCAR inspectors deemed that Edward's No. 99 Ford Fusion failed the post-race inspection

because the right-rear fender was too low. While it is not believed to be a deliberate infraction the rules are clear and the No. 99 is in violation. As of press time NASCAR had not announced penalties, but they will likely fine him and take away points. This will knock him from his current spot in the Chase standings and muting the gain from the win last Sunday.

This was on top of a wild wreck-filled race that saw 13 cautions including six flags in the final 44 laps. Just when the drivers got the race going out popped

another flag. There were two red flags that stopped the race during the final 44 laps resulting in 17 minutes of race delay.

During the race numerous contenders had problems that may dim their chances to win the Chase. Martin Truex Jr., Jimmie Johnson, and the Busch brothers were all involved in a huge wreck resulting in one of the red flags. Matt Kenseth's engine blew and Kevin Harvick had a tire problem both problems took the drivers out of the race.

TOP TEN FINISHING ORDER

Edwards' Roush Fenway Racing teammate Greg Biffle finished second, while Dale Earnhardt Inc., teammates Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Mark Martin finished third and fourth, respectively. Future Joe Gibbs driver Kyle Busch rounded out the top-five. Casey Mears, Jeff Burton, Jamie McMurray, Tony Stewart and Juan Pablo Montoya comprised the remainder of the top-10. Only the top-six drivers finished on the lead lap. The top six drivers are separated by less than 20 points after two races in the 10-event Chase for the Championship.

CHASE WINNER

Carl Edwards by virtue of his win vaulted five positions to reside in the third spot for the Chase for the Nextel Cup. This is pending the fine and points reduction that NASCAR will hand out.

CHASE LOSER

Denny Hamlin continues his free fall and is now in 12th place in The Chase after his on track incident with Kyle Petty that knocked him out of the race relegating him to a 34th place finish.

The current point standings for the entire, 12-driver Chase for the Nextel Cup heading into the Sept. 30 LifeLock 400 at Kansas Speedway are:

1. Jeff Gordon (5,340 points, -0) +1
2. Tony Stewart (5,338 points, -2) +1
3. Carl Edwards (5,337 points, -3) +5* pending penalty
4. Jimmie Johnson (5,336 points, -4) -3
5. Kyle Busch (5,330 points, -10) 0
6. Clint Bowyer (5,322 points, -18) -2
7. Martin Truex, Jr. (5,294 points, -46) -1
8. Jeff Burton (5,265 points, -75) +3
9. Kevin Harvick (5,225 points, -115) +1
10. Matt Kenseth (5,224 points, -116) -3
11. Kurt Busch (5,189 points, -151) +1
12. Denny Hamlin (5,182 points, -158) -3

The Sunday's LifeLock 400 at Kansas Speedway in Kansas City starts at 2 p.m. with live coverage on Channel 7 WLS TV.

DALE EARNHARDT ANNOUNCES CAR NUMBER AND SPONSORSHIP

The most anticipated question of the "silly season" was answered last week when Mountain Dew AMP Energy drink and the Army National Guard were announced as the sponsors of the Dale Earnhardt Jr. Hendrick Motorsports car for the 2008 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series. Earnhardt, who helped design his two primary paint schemes and red car-number graphic, will drive the No. 88 AMP Energy/National Guard Impalas next season. Earnhardt Jr./Hendricks Motorsports will debut the car in February during season-opening Speedweeks at Daytona (Florida) International Speedway.

"To be able to announce our new sponsorship partners, car number and paint schemes for 2008 is a big relief for me, and I know it is for my fans as well," said Earnhardt, 32, winner of 17 Cup-level races and two NASCAR Busch Series championships. "This year has been full of major decisions and changes, and I'm really happy with the outcome," Earnhardt stated.

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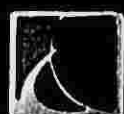
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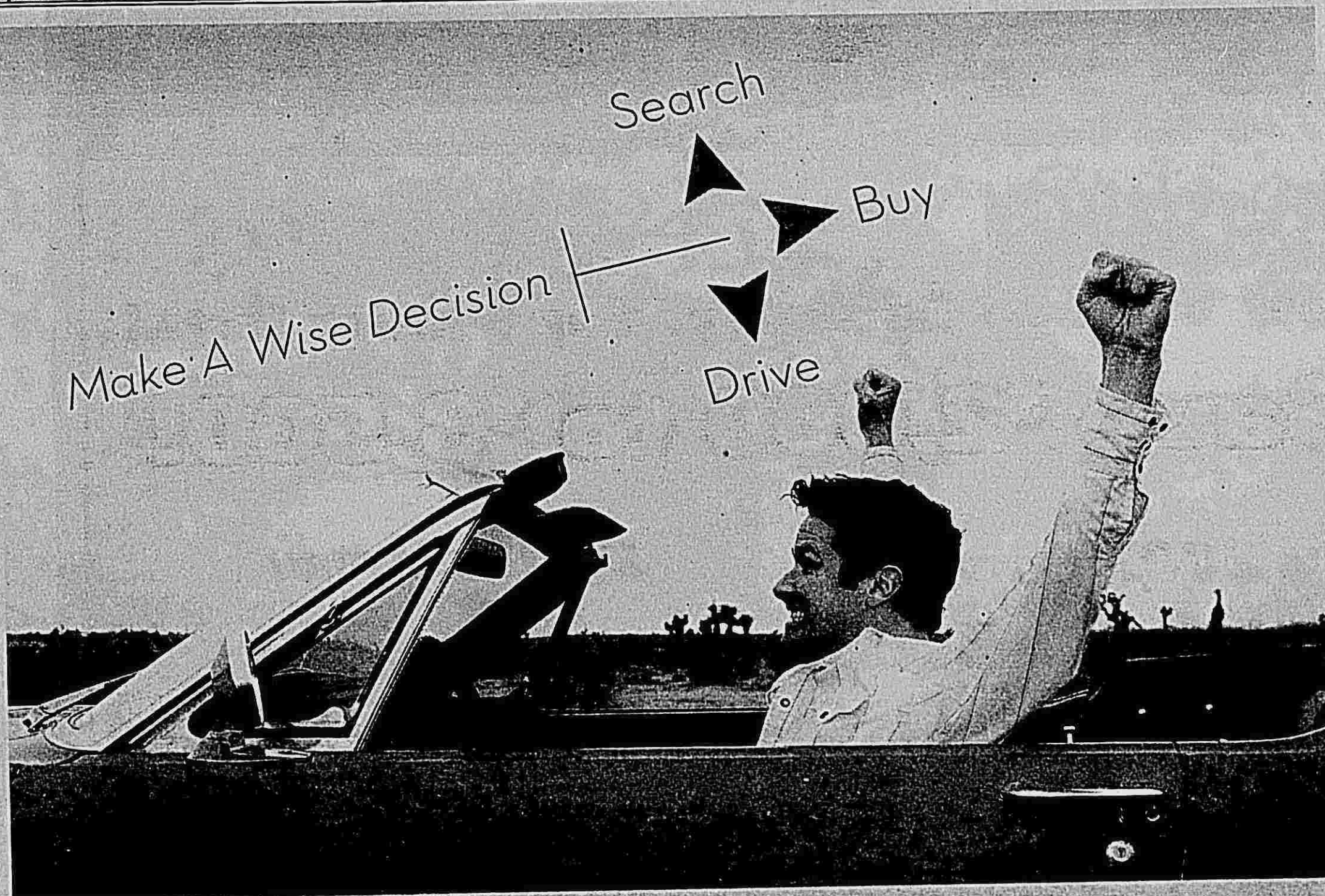
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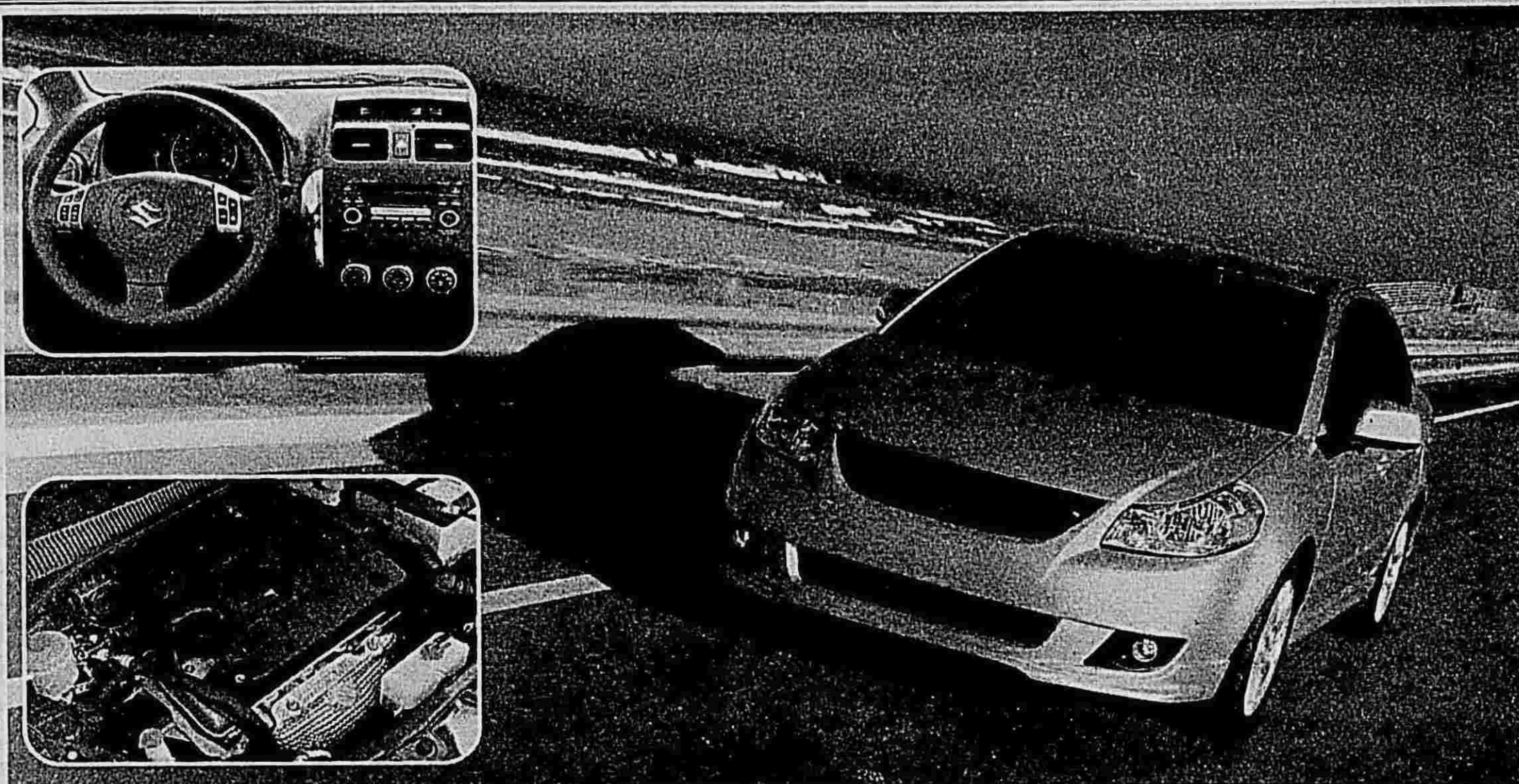
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This 2008 Suzuki SX4 Sport is for you, Bud



Al Vinikour
Contributor

Let's say you're going to college. What are your essential needs? A laptop computer, a box of Ticonderoga #2 pencils, several pads of Goldenrod tablets and a handy-dandy briefcase to name a few. All that's fine...but are you going to walk 8 miles, uphill both ways, to go to a job and/or the best pizza place in town? I think not, Herbie. You're going to need a car. "What's wrong with a bicycle?" you ask. That's fine, too. You'll have a lovely time in mid-January as you ride your bike 8 miles, uphill both ways, to do the things I just described. Just make sure you drop your school supplies off at your dorm on the way to work. Snow, sleet and rain do wonders for computer-longevity.

Just like mom and dad looked out for your needs when you were a child, the folks at American Suzuki have done the same for your college and entering-the-workplace days with the advent of the 2008 Suzuki SX4 Sport. The four-door SX4 Sport and its close-relative SX4 Crossover (five-door) embody Suzuki's "Way of Life" philosophy.

Suzuki may not be the first name that pops into your head when considering an affordable vehicle but one visit to one of their 500 dealers, in all 50 states, and a test-drive of their products will make a believer out of you real quick. Suzuki is no "Hldekl- come-lately." They've been building cars for over 50 years and have sold 35 million cars in 187 countries since then. Their experience selling vehicles in the U. S. is 22 years and 1 million

sales. In 2006 they surpassed 100,000 units in the U. S. for the first time and they're on track for a record sales year in 2007.

No college-aged kid or someone entering the workforce wants to be caught dead driving his Grand-dad's 1949 Kaiser - free or not. The SX4 Sport is a hoot to drive, thanks to its superb handling. It features a rigid steel unibody with a chassis that was fine-tuned in Europe to provide good stability on the road and a minimum of body roll. Its good stability is further enhanced by standard 17-inch aluminum-alloy wheels and P205/50R17 tires, giving it a muscular stance.

Styling is obviously inspired by youthful, get-out-of-my-way types. It's perfectly situated between "cute" and "bold." It has sweeping headlamps that run from under the hood to the tops of the fenders. It has a "smile-shaped" grille with the stylized Suzuki "S" logo smack-dab in the middle. There's a sculptured waistline running the length of both doors and body-color front and rear bumpers enhance the depth of design. Good-looking taillights and a narrow-cut deck-lid (old guy talk for a trunk door) give the SX4 Sport a tall-looking appearance.

The 2008 SX Sport comes in three levels: the base SX4 Sport, the SX4 Sport with the Convenience Package and the SX4 Sport with the Touring Package.

The manual transmission is a five-speed and the automatic is a four-speed. Either one is mated to an all-aluminum 2.0-liter 16-valve DOHC 4-cylinder engine with 143 horsepower and 136 pound feet of torque. Even if your favorite pastime is visiting opium dens you will never envision the SX4 Sport as

a contender for the Daytona 500. However...you won't be buying this vehicle for those kinds of tasks. Save the Daytona dream as an incentive to advance your career, but for now, don't forget to use your turn signals.

There's a lot of standard safety features like four-wheel Anti-Lock Braking System with Electronic Brake Force Distribution, daytime running lights, advanced, dual-stage driver and weight-sensing front-passenger supplemental restraint system, front seat-mounted side-curtain impact airbags; front and rear side-curtain airbags, etc.

The amenity-filled interior should please the majority. The styling center stack features large, circular controls flanked by aluminum-colored trim. It contains a standard AM/FM/CD/MP3 audio system with four speakers. Available is a six-disc in-dash CD AM/FM/MP3 audio system with nine speakers, including a subwoofer. Either system is XM Satellite Radio-capable. For people who actually listen to music instead of talk radio like I do, and are worshipers of their iPods, a fully-integrated Suzuki iPod system can be purchased from a Suzuki dealer, and not only will it worked seamlessly through the radio but playlists and the song's information also appear on the radio display.

My only complaint about the center stack is the use of red for all the digital read-outs. Is it my imagination or is there a red color cartel that holds the world's automakers captive? Some of us are not only "out-sized," but advancing in years, that invariably leads to less-than-stellar eyesight and this color is difficult to read at times. However...in this case I'm prepared to cut Suzuki some

slack because I am not the demographics for the SX4 Sport.

There's extensive use of integrated steering wheel controls. I like that, particularly when they're set up right so you don't accidentally push one with your hand when turning. The instrument cluster is also styled nicely and the large gauges even make the old folks happy.

With the exception of a leather-wrapped steering wheel (offered only on the Convenience and Touring Packages), no cows were killed in the manufacturing of the SX4 Sport. Seats are black cloth and carry the sporty cockpit theme that extends throughout the interior.

There's also an extensive array of standard interior comfort features like power windows, air conditioning, adjustable steering wheel, cruise control (again, only offered on the Convenience and Touring Packages), etc.

EPA mileage figures will save you some money for the aforementioned pizzas. The manual gets 22 mpg in the city and 30 mpg on the highway and the automatic will get you 23/31. Warranty for the SX4 Sport, as with all Suzuki automobiles, is 100,000-mile/7-year, fully transferable and zero-deductible powertrain warranty.

Pricing for the 2008 SX4 Sport with a manual transmission starts at \$14,770 plus \$625 shipping. Base prices go all the way up to \$16,970 for an SX4 Sport w/Touring Package and automatic transmission.

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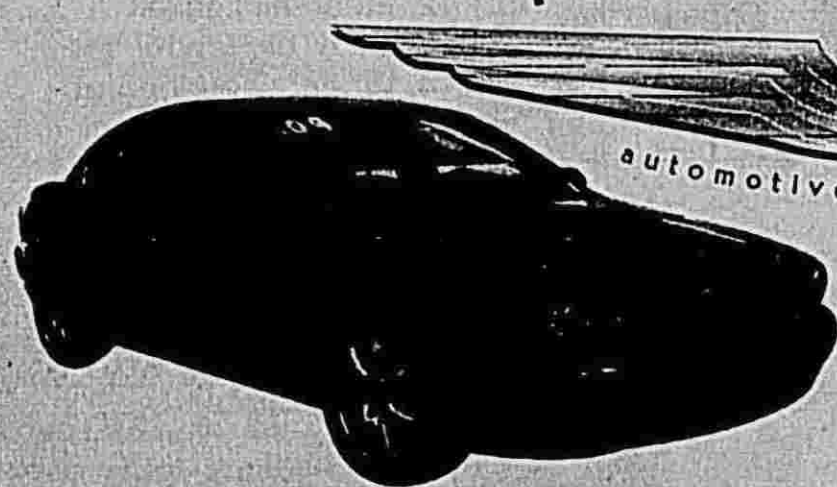
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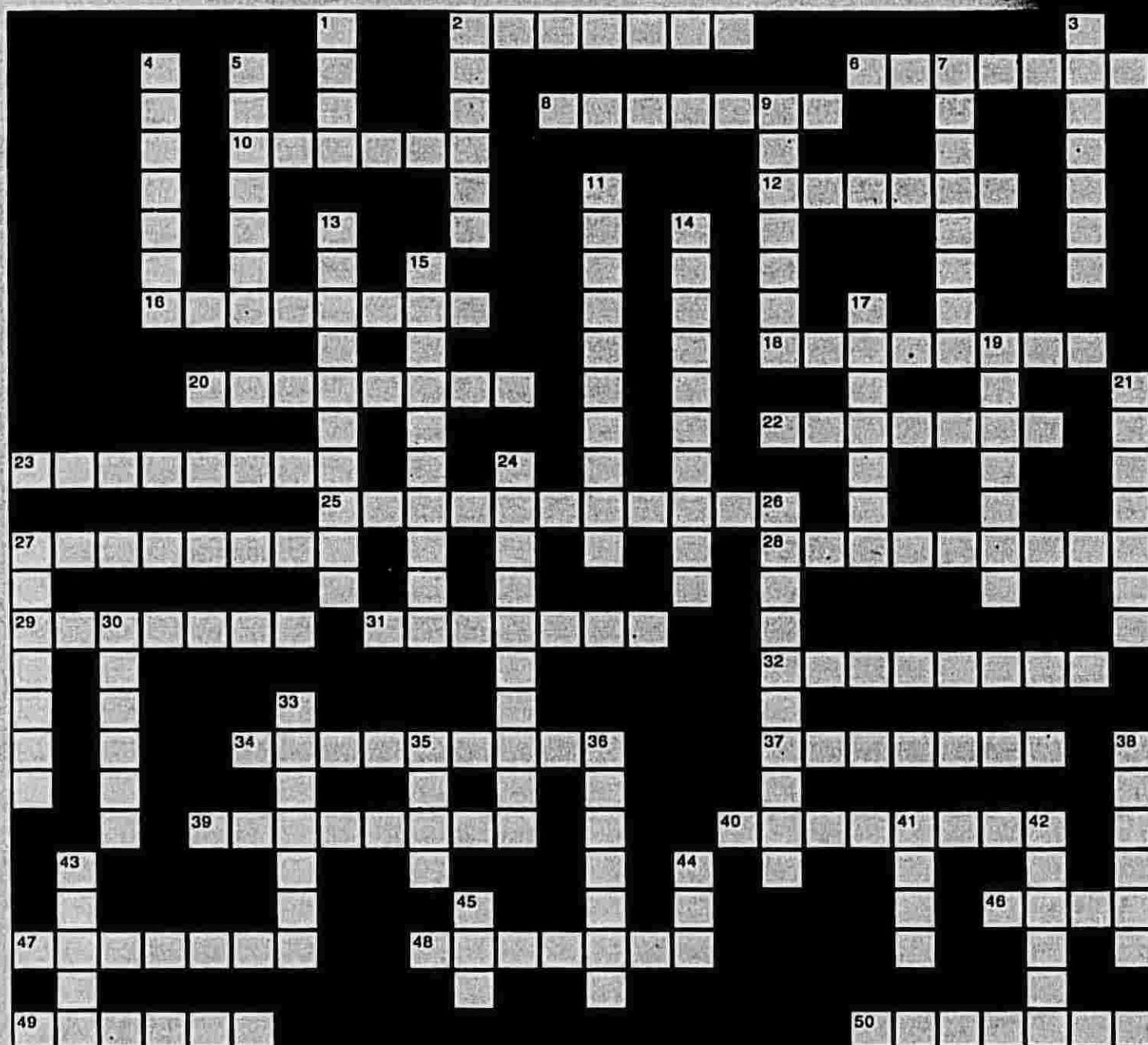
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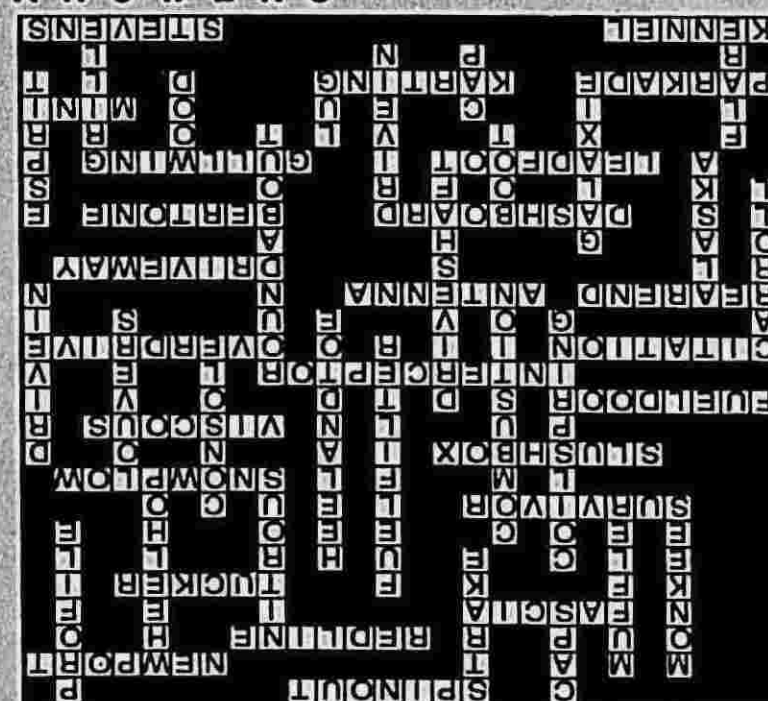
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1. Hold the crankshaft in place
2. Protruding aerodynamic aid
3. Cam lobe shape
4. Rock band's custom GTO
5. Quiets the engine
7. Axle windup causes this
9. Gaseous power booster
11. Keeps gas clean
13. Between the upper and lower control arms
14. "Blip" the throttle when downshifting
15. Spark result
17. Between the seats
19. Fender or hood vents
21. Open-air theater
24. Connects trans to diff.
26. a.k.a. traffic circle
27. Roadster builder Shelby
30. WWII highway
33. '60s full-size Ford
35. Shift-gate cover
36. '50s food stop
38. Pretty Woman car star Lotus
41. Former wagon trim
42. Fresh-air intake
43. a.k.a. big fender lips
44. Wheel-securing nut
45. Bed cover

ACROSS

2. Presley racing flick
6. Chrysler or Rhode Island town
8. Two-tone tire
10. Grille/bumper combo
12. '40s air-cooled rear-engine sedan
16. Unrestored-auto term
18. Common maintenance equipment
20. Auto trans slang
22. AWD's _____ coupling
23. Small fender opening
25. Pursuit vehicle
27. First FWD Chevrolet
28. r.p.m.-reducing gear
29. Whiplash-creating accident
31. A receptive accessory
32. Garage entrance
34. Meatloaf's "light"
37. Italian auto stylist
39. Speedy driver (slang)
40. Bricklin or 300SL door style
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Home selling tricks of the trade

(MS) — Selling a home and home improvement go hand in hand. Homeowners who have sold a home in the past are well aware that before the "For

Sale" sign gets staked out in the front yard, several steps need to be taken to make a home more attractive to prospective buyers.

Improving the exterior of home before sale is what's known as increasing its curb appeal. First-time home sellers would be surprised what a few seemingly minor changes on the outside can do to make a home more attractive to buyers. In addition, it never hurts to pull a few tricks on the inside as well.

• **Trim trees, bushes and shrubs:** Few things are more unsightly outside a home than vegetation that's not well taken care of. Unkempt vegetation gives the impression that owners weren't fond of upkeep and might have let other things slide as well. Make sure all trees, bushes and shrubs are well-trimmed before any prospective buyers come over to look at the house.

• **Clean the patio:** An attractive area for many home buyers is the patio. Most will want an area outside to relax

and have a barbecue. Clean your patio thoroughly and replace any old furniture to highlight how valuable a nice outdoor space like this can be.

• **Create an inviting aroma:** Once homeowners enter a home, there are a number of tricks sellers can use to make the home more attractive. It's not uncommon for real estate agents to suggest baking a loaf of bread or other food that smells great shortly before the house is shown. Close the windows and oven fan when doing so to maximize the resulting aroma and allow it to spread throughout the house.

For areas of the house where the baking smells can't reach, try other tricks but avoid using potpourri. A lot of people are allergic to potpourri and may not be able to continue their tour of the house if the smell is too prevalent.

• **Use your fireplace to your advantage:** If your home has a fireplace and you're selling it in colder months, by all means light the fireplace before showing the house. Lots of people dream of having a home with a functioning fireplace so make it a focal point whenever possible.

• **Create illusions:** You don't need to be David Copperfield or Harry Houdini to create illusions that make your home appear more spacious than it really is. Instead, remove any excess furniture that isn't absolutely necessary for the times when you're not showing the house. Chances are, rooms in your home appear cluttered to people who don't live there, and clutter creates the illusion that a place is small. Do the opposite by removing excess furniture and you might even like the resulting extra space as well.



Replacing old patio furniture is one easy way for home sellers to make their home more attractive.

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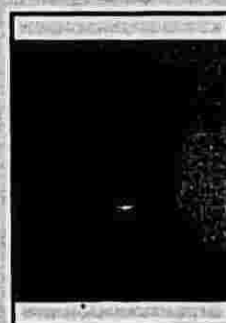
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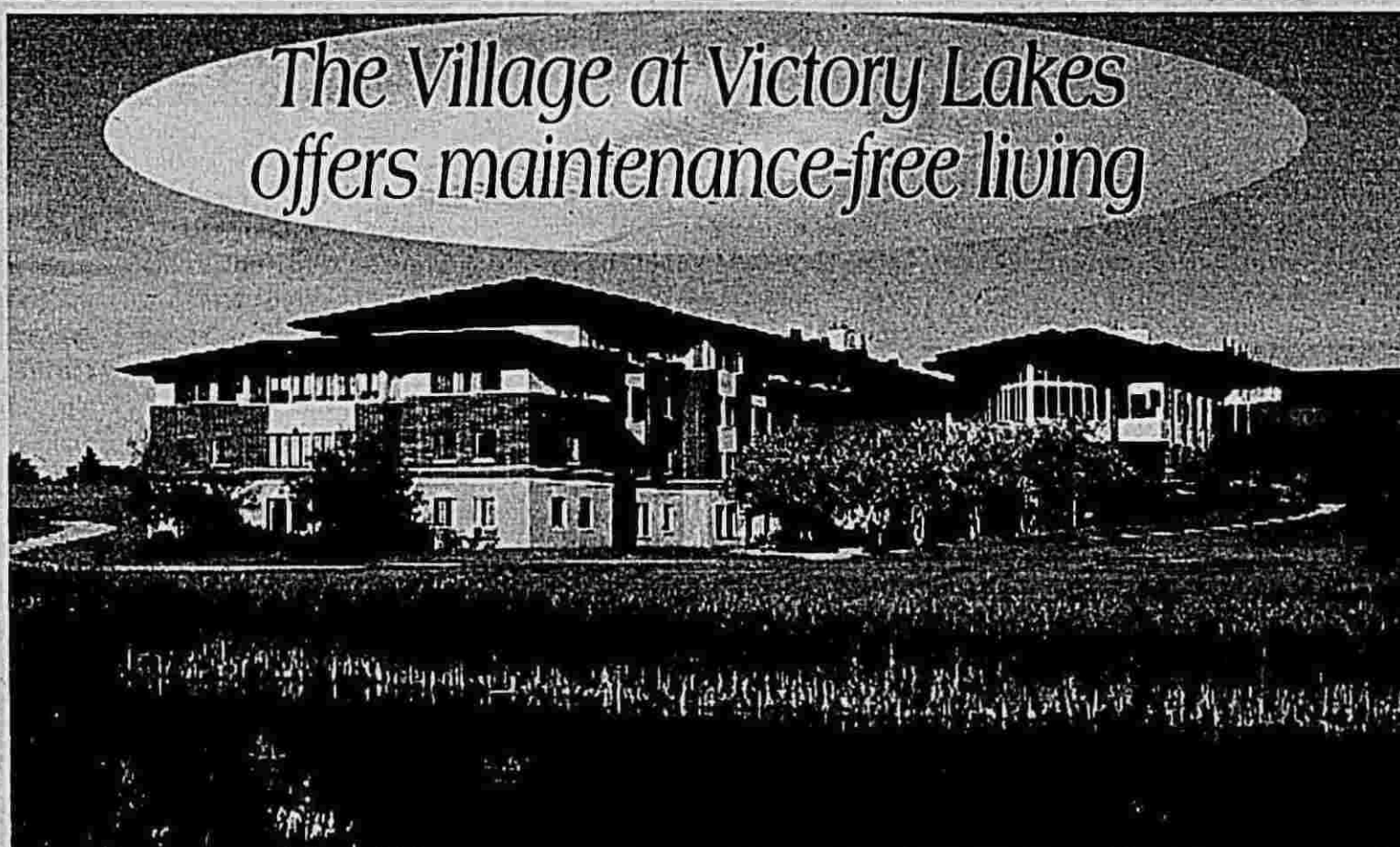
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Riggs said residents who live at Victory Lakes are able to enjoy "a maintenance-free lifestyle."

"Residents can take advantage of our many activities while not having to worry about yard work in the summer or snow shoveling in the winter," she said. "Our full range of services is geared towards helping seniors experience the fullness of life." Looking to further the mission and vision of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago to provide high quality senior services, Franciscan Communities acquired The Village at Victory Lakes last summer.

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The Empire State's Nassau County was owner of the nation's second-highest property tax, with homeowners paying an average of just over \$7,000. Rounding out the top five were New Jersey's Hunterdon, Bergen and Essex counties, each of which boasted property tax figures between \$6,600 and \$7,000.

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Keep renovations from going bad

(MS) — When done right, renovations can greatly improve a property. However, many improvements fall in the opposite category, as blunders that cost homeowners more time and money than is necessary. Of course you want to avoid the latter, so how do you set a course for smooth home improvements?

1. Don't rush into a renovation.

Renovations should not be done quickly. Planning is one of the key elements of any project. Take a few months to figure out what you really want done, consult experts, if needed, and draw up a plan of action. You also want to compare costs of supplies and labor so that you get the best value you can.

2. Don't underestimate the time frame for completion.

You may have lofty goals of completing your project in a set time frame, but it's Murphy's Law that unexpected things always pop up to squash even the best-laid plans. It's reasonable to have a budget and a tentative

schedule, but keep in the back of your mind that things like unexpected repairs, permit applications, contractor delays, etc. could — and likely will — push a project beyond your estimates.

3. Don't think you can do all the work yourself.



Many homeowners like to get their hands dirty and think they'll save money through "sweat equity." What you save in labor you may make up in mistakes and the extra time it takes to complete a project. While not all contractors are good ones, the ones who know their jobs can usually complete work in half the time of a do-it-yourselfer. You have to weigh the benefits.

4. Don't follow every trend in magazines. While it's tempting to try all of the trends they showcase, you should keep the style and the integrity of your home in mind. Choose materials and colors that fit in with the style. A country cottage will look strange with ultra-modern décor.

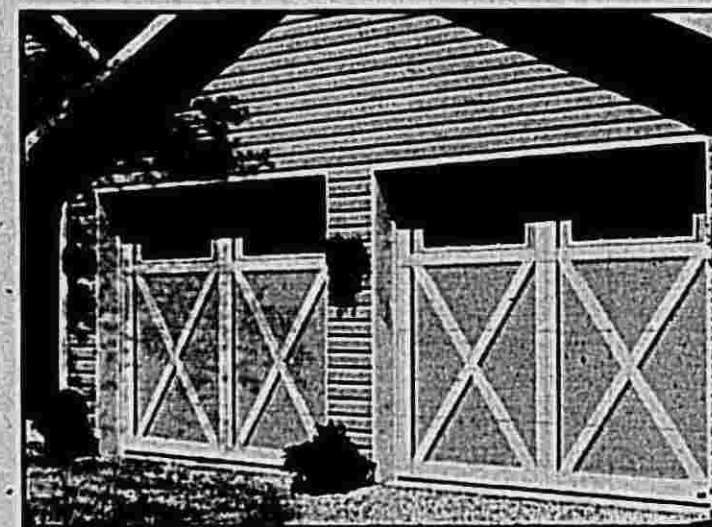
Energy savings with an insulated garage door

(MS) — Homeowners make a lot of effort to reduce energy costs. However, even if they have done a good job of implementing measures to lower utility bills, they still remain high. This is because homeowners often forget to consider the largest moving part of their home — the garage door.

According to Vicky Leclerc from Garaga Inc., there are many advantages to making energy saving improvements in your garage. In fact, it will keep the garage area and adjacent rooms to the garage warmer in winter and cooler in the summer. Moreover, if you use the garage as a workshop or a recreation area, having an insulated door will keep the temperature more comfortable.

Vicky Leclerc notes that the first thing to look at is the insulation value of your garage door. A higher R-value is better for energy savings. The inside skins of a door are insulated with either polystyrene or polyurethane. Polyurethane provides twice the insulation value compared to polystyrene. It bonds the door's skin and adheres to the metal, ensuring strength that reduces the chance of the metal skin separating from the insulation.

Notice that the advertised R-value of a garage door means very little if the door does not have a complete thermal break system and a proper weather seal system around all four sides of the



door and between door sections. Without thermal break, heat and cold will move from the outside of the door to inside of the garage, reducing the insulation value of the door. Metal end caps may allow frost build up and the door sections to freeze together.

Leclerc says, "The perimeter weather seal system is useful to prevent wind, rain and snow from entering the garage. The type of weather seal used should not be overlooked." The proper perimeter weather seal is made up of two parts, the seal gasket and the holder. The seal gasket should be made of rubber so it will not split or crack.

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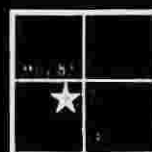
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Roof Now, Pay Later

(ARA) - Anyone who owns a car knows that sooner or later you're going to have to replace certain parts. Tires go bald, brake pads wear thin and air filters get clogged. Likewise, your home has certain parts that occasionally need replacing. But rather than shelling out \$30 here and \$200 there, replacement projects on a home can run into the thousands of dollars — not something you can save for by skipping the lattes or having another garage sale.

Because your roof protects the rest of your home, keeping it functioning properly should be a top priority. And although proper venting and regular maintenance will help it last as long as possible, roof shingles have a finite lifespan and sooner or later will need to be replaced.

According to Remodeling Magazine's annual Cost vs. Value study, the average cost of replacing a roof is \$14,276. But just because you don't have that in your rainy day fund doesn't mean you must ignore the dripping ceiling in your kitchen or the unsightly shingles that are the talk of the neighborhood association. Fortunately, homeowners have a number of financing options that won't require tapping into the kids' college funds.

In the past few years, many homeowners have taken advantage of home equity lines of credit (HELOC) issued by banks. These work much like credit cards. After being approved, the lender issues a credit card or checkbook that is used to borrow money against the equity

you have in your home. The advantages of a HELOC are that interest rates are usually lower than those of a typical credit card and credit limits are higher. The disadvantages are that your home is used as collateral, and you may not qualify if you do not have enough equity.

Another option is one that doesn't require you to borrow money against your home. Some major roofing shingle manufacturers provide financing programs to their most loyal customers that allow homeowners to replace their roof now and make monthly payments to pay it off. It works like this: you select the brand of roofing material and one of the brand's contractor affiliates to install it. When the roof is completed, you pay back the contractor in monthly installments.

"These credit packages offer one-stop shopping. Customers don't have to deal with the bank and decisions are often made within 24 hours," says Suzanne Mitchell, contractor marketing manager for Owens Corning, the nation's most recognized roofing brand. "Best of all, homeowners get a new roof now — when they need it — rather than waiting while more damage occurs."

Owens Corning's financing partner GE Consumer Finance offers several options that can be tailored to fit the homeowner's needs. Mitchell says GE Consumer Finance provides competitive rates and flexible payment schedules, which allows homeowners who select Owens Corning roofing products to have greater buying power and low minimum payments.

There's even a program specifically for credit-challenged customers. HomePlus Finance helps homeowners secure credit that most other lenders would turn down. Terms are available up to 240 months and, again, credit

decisions can be made within 24 hours.

Replacing a roof, like many other home improvements, should be thought of as an investment. The Cost vs. Value study showed that 74 percent — nearly three fourths — of the cost of a new roof can be recouped due to higher resale value of the home. Mitchell says Owens Corning's own research has shown that homes with new roofs have a higher perceived value than those with an older roof and homes with premium shingles have an even higher

curb appeal. "Some home improvements make a home more comfortable or more beautiful. A new roof does all that and is going to protect your most valuable investment for years to come," says Mitchell.

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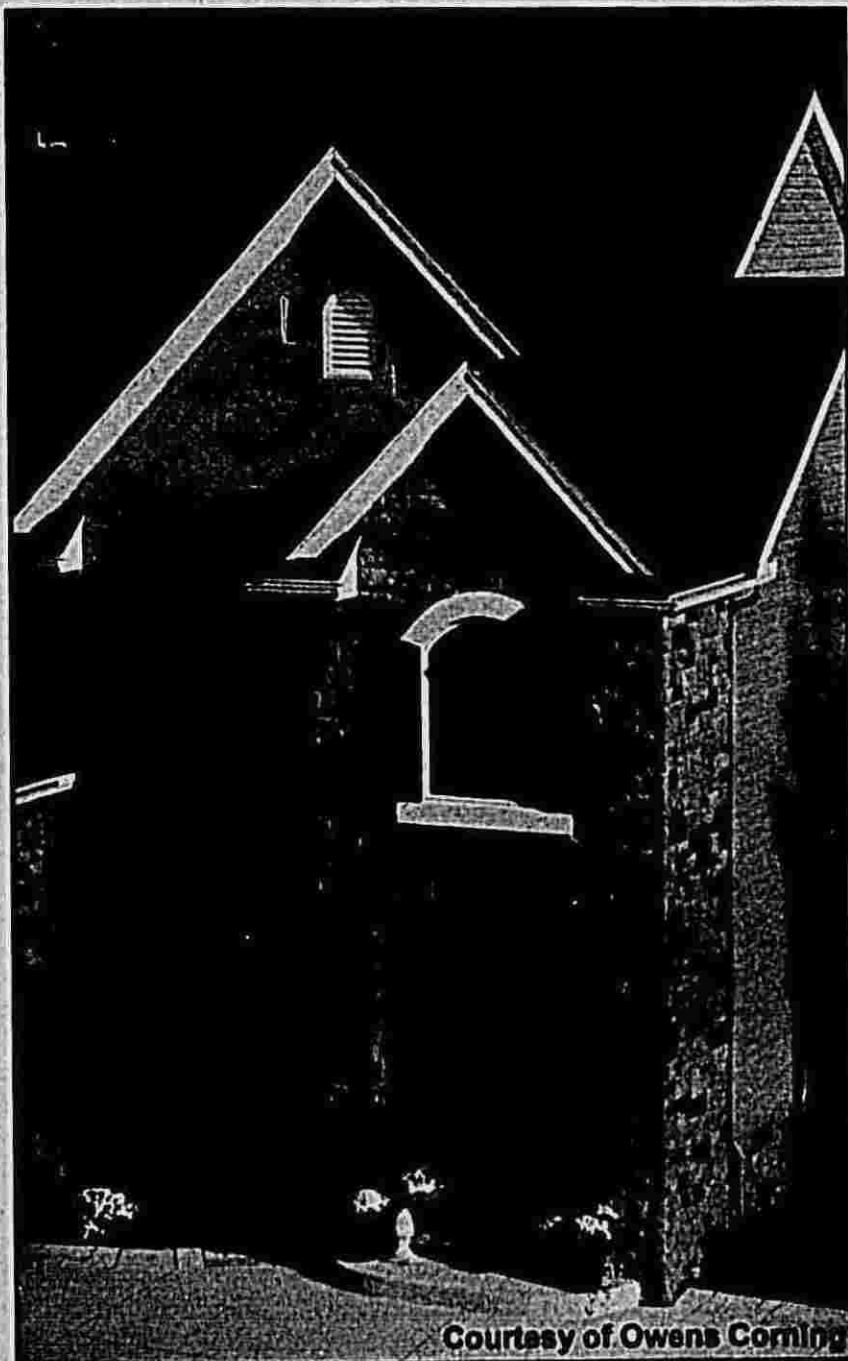
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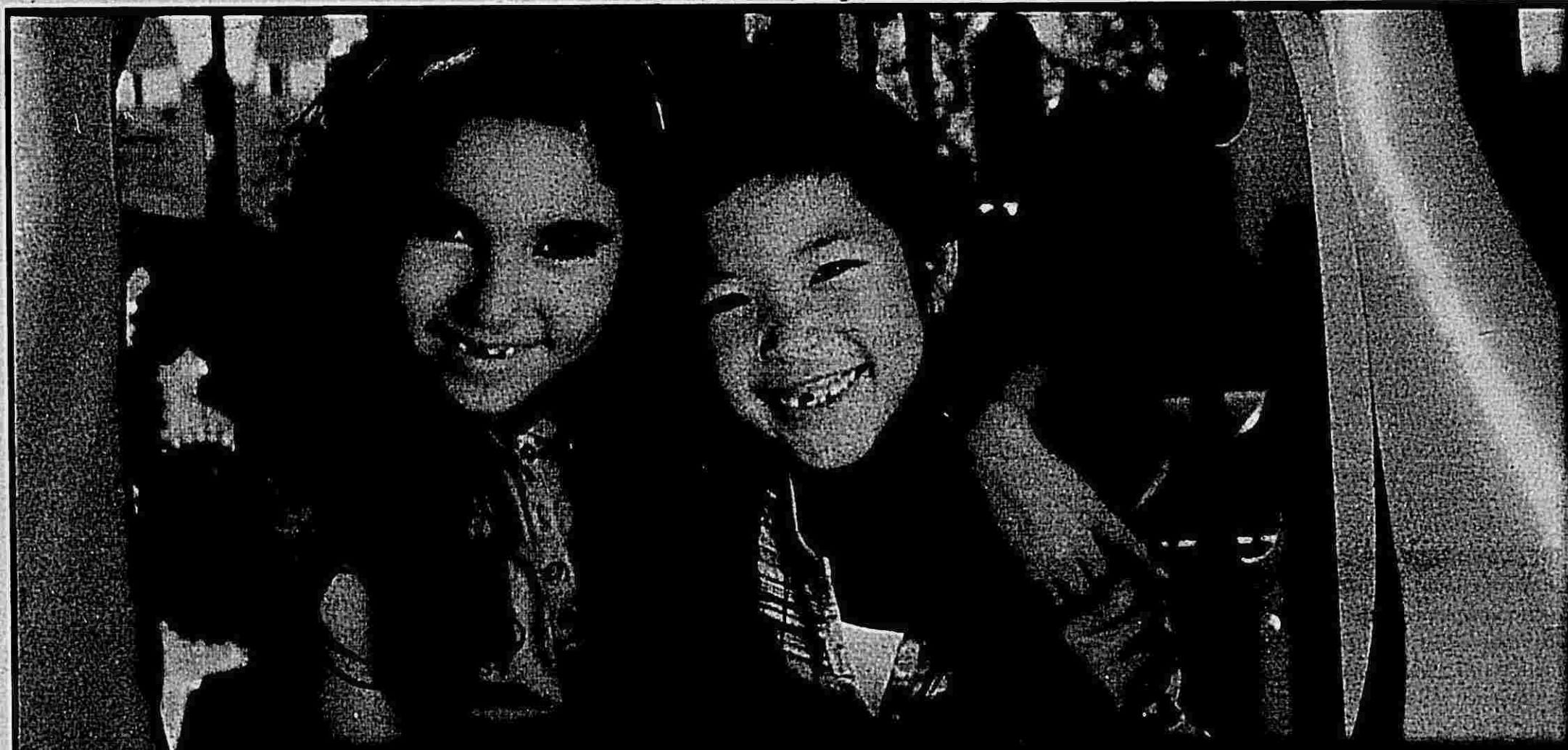
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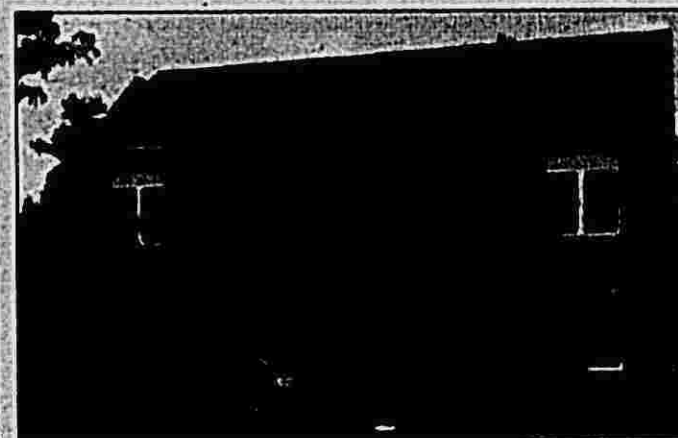
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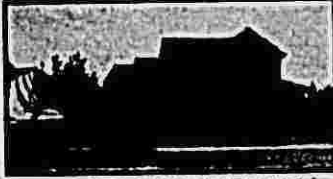
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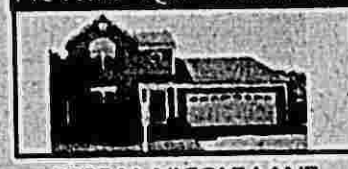
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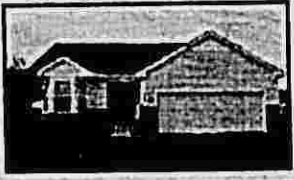
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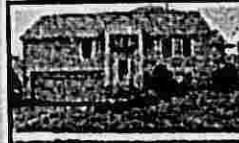
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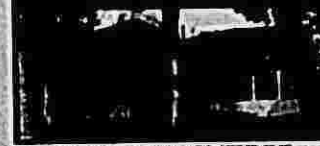
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Give your home a winterizing 'check-up'

(MS) — With winter just around the corner, now is the time to give your home a winterizing "check-up" with the following home weatherizing checklist.

Here are five tips on what to look for and take care of so your home is ready for those cold north winds. According to the experts at Venmar Ventilation, there are five major steps to consider when winterizing your home (www.venmar.ca).

1. Have your heating system cleaned and tuned by a qualified contractor. A pre-season tune-up and filter change is a good investment. It reduces the chances of breakdowns in the middle of winter, improves safety, and pays for itself through more energy efficient operation.

2. Have your system checked for carbon monoxide. A good contractor will also offer to test your system for hazardous carbon monoxide, which can be produced by a dirty or malfunctioning gas or oil furnace or water heater. Install a low level carbon monoxide alarm. Every home should have at least one carbon monoxide alarm.

3. Have your duct system tested for air leaks. Many think that windows and doors are the major cause of a home's air leaks. But according to recent research by the U.S. Department of Energy, gaps and cracks in the typical home's duct system are much more significant. The typical duct system loses 25 percent to 40 percent of the energy put out by the central furnace, heat or air conditioner. Leaks are usually the biggest problem.

4. Ask your heating contractor to perform an Infiltrameter "blower door" test. The blower door is a computerized instrument that pinpoints where your home's worst air leaks are, and also measures how leaky the overall house is. While some homes are still far too leaky, most homes are now becoming too airtight and need mechanical ventilation to ensure the air inside is fresh. According to Gerry Gagnon, product and market manager for Venmar Ventilation, a leader in indoor air quality management, proper ventilation is crucial for optimal indoor air quality.

"Ventilation dilutes the air of pollutants in your home and revitalizes stale air," explains Gagnon. "For your home to 'breathe' effectively it needs a constant source of fresh, tempered, filtered outdoor air to flow through, resulting in improved indoor air quality."

Gagnon says the best results are achieved through mechanical ventilation combined with HEPA filtration, such as Venmar's line of air exchanger systems. The air exchangers use a combination of ventilation and filtration to reduce humidity and volatile compounds (gases, molds), and maintain healthy indoor air quality.

5. Consider replacing your old furnace or heat pump. Just like a car, heating equipment doesn't last forever. If your system is more than 12 years old and you are planning to stay in your home more than a few years, many authorities recommend considering replacing it before it fails permanently. A new system is safer, more dependable, and can pay for itself through energy savings as it is up to twice as energy efficient.

Get an extreme home makeover without going to extremes

Changing a room's look and feel can be easy and affordable

(MS) — Think an "extreme makeover" for your home has to include sledgehammers and a general contractor? Well, interior design does not always mean knocking down walls.

Changing a few select items can bring new color and texture into an existing space — just the thing needed to brighten, lighten and transform any room in your home.

One of the easiest ways to change an interior is to start with new area rugs, which go far beyond merely providing a covering for the floor. They can serve as the impetus for a new color palette and decorating scheme, changing the entire look and feel of a room without breaking the bank.

From traditional Persians to ultra-modern works of art in knotted wool, there are more styles to choose from than ever before. "Today's designs have a level of sophistication that just wasn't available in the past," says Joyce Lowe, carpet and décor expert for Nourison, the world's largest manufacturer of hand-made area rugs.

Are you a traditionalist? Choose an heirloom-quality Persian rug with fields of midnight blue accented with rich chocolate and gold. Want a living room that's sleek and modern? A rug from designer Calvin Klein, rich in texture, color and style, can provide the starting point.

Color is a huge component of a room's décor and should be chosen with care. "A basic rule of thumb in interior design is to select one neutral tone and two brighter accent colors that combine in a pleasing way," adds Lowe. Area rugs from Liz Claiborne Home, made exclusively by Nourison for example, make choosing room accent col-

ors easy because design teams have already selected colors that work well together. Simply pull and match colors from the field or design.

"Your choice of accessories should complement the décor," says Lowe. Wall colors, window treatments and accessories are important to a good redesign but need not be expensive. Toss out pillows, curtains, candles and other accessories from your old room and bring in new ones in complementary colors and styles. You'll be surprised how dramatic the change will be.

Promote a traditional style with classic elements; a more

modern look with sleeker, pared-down accents. Since the eye is drawn to like colors, stick to the use of complementary shades of metal and wood. Table and floor lamps don't need to match, but they should have some similar elements, in color or design.

Select a new area rug, change colors and accessories and you've done a truly "extreme" makeover in your home. To view thousands of choices in all styles and price points, including Calvin Klein, Liz Claiborne Home and scores of Nourison brand collections, visit www.nourison.com, where you can also locate a retailer near you.



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This one will surprise you! Count them - five bedrooms gives plenty of space for the growing family! Remodeled interior with oak hardwood floors in entry, dining and great room. Great room also features fireplace PLUS lots of beautiful custom built-in including book shelves, media niche and crown molding. Completely fenced in yard with play area. Walk to private beach at Highland Lake (just down the road)..... \$299,900

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JUST ACROSS THE BORDER - GREAT LOCATION

BRAND NEW AND FABULOUS! This home features three bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, a large spacious kitchen which makes a great media/party room! The master suite is a grand retreat with double doors, spacious walk-in closet and private bath. The kitchen is huge and offers 42" cabinets, granite look countertops, breakfast bar, pantry and multiple windows of natural light! First floor also features a den, large laundry room and mud entry. The exterior is accented with a stone front, side load garage and beautiful front porch. 10-yr builder warranty included! DRASTICALLY REDUCED... \$279,900

PLEASANT PRAIRIE, WI



JUST MINUTES FROM THE ILLINOIS BORDER!

Beautiful home on beautiful 1/2 acre site surrounded by mature trees! This one is a real beauty! Beautiful maple floors, large kitchen with breakfast bar overlooks family room with fireplace. Eating area is surrounded by windows overlooking beautiful deck and yard! Spacious master suite with walk-in closet, large jetted tub and separate shower, first floor den and laundry and finished basement!..... \$139,900

ZION



BEAUTY IN ZION

This home starts with great curb appeal and continues on the inside - brick front and beautiful landscaping, an over sized fenced in back yard and large deck. The interior features laminate hardwood floors in foyer, living room and kitchen. This home offers three bedrooms, two baths, lower level family room with lovely brick fireplace & wet bar, den, and a finished basement which makes a great playroom for the kids..... \$279,900

KENOSHA WISCONSIN



JUST LISTED

REDUCED AND PRICED TO SELL! BEST DEAL IN WHITECAPS a great neighborhood community - KIDS CAN WALK TO SCHOOL. 3 bedrooms and 2.5 baths - professionally painted in neutral color. BRAND NEW carpet, BRAND NEW stainless steel appliances. Oak hardwood floor in foyer, kitchen and powder room. Master bedroom has private bath and walk-in closet. 2 car garage, full basement and large backyard. AGENT OWNED..... \$199,900

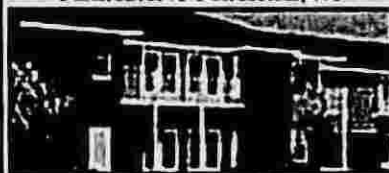
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GURNEE TOWNHOME

Enjoy maintenance-free living in this tasteful townhome in great location. Two bedrooms PLUS a SPACIOUS loft (great for media/party room or office). Bright kitchen offers laminate hardwood floors, plenty of cabinet space, Kenmore appliances and laundry room which includes washer and dryer! Master bedroom features a private balcony overlooking open space. Freshly painted and immaculate - This home is ready for move-in..... \$139,900

PLEASANT PRAIRIE, WI



GREAT CONDO - GREAT LOCATION

Conveniently located just across the IL/WI Border. This condo unit offers living at its BEST! Impeccable homes shown just like a model. Spacious open concept w/ large great room w/ dining area, beautiful kitchen with breakfast bar, 42" cabinets, and like new appliances! Master suite features two closets (1 w/ in) and spacious master bath. LV panel down, in seat laundry, balcony and attached garage make it complete!..... \$166,900

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GREAT LOCATION - KIDS CAN WALK TO SCHOOL

MINUTES FROM I-90 Move in and enjoy! Fully landscaped, fenced yard, patio covered by arbor, swimming pool, swing set, storage shed - this home has it all! Family room offers fireplace, kitchen has newly upgraded countertops. Master bedroom offers private bath and walk-in closet. Upstairs laundry for your convenience. Basement offers hot tub spa for your enjoyment! PRICE REDUCED..... \$239,900

ROUND LAKE



IMMACULATE TOWNHOME

ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS! Only begins to describe this impeccable townhome. Beautiful wood laminate floors in living room, dining room, stairs and lower level family room. Kitchen is stunning with 42" cabinets, stainless steel appliances and ceramic tile floor. Two and 1/2 baths all with ceramic tile floor. TRULY shown like a model. Neutral decor, clean and absolutely ready to move in! Two car garage and deck make it complete. PRICE REDUCED..... \$169,900

PLEASANT PRAIRIE, WI



PLEASANT PRAIRIE FOR RENT

Conveniently located near IL/WI border on a quiet cul-de-sac. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, open floor plan with vaulted ceiling on main floor, lower level family room gives plenty of space or media/party room or just entertaining. Main bath features whirlpool tub and radiant heat in floor! Fenced yard. Appliances included..... \$1,000/month or \$299,900

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BRAND NEW - CONVENIENT LOCATION

NEW CONSTRUCTION! You must see this model to believe it! Over 3300 sq ft of LUXURY! The open floorplan is SPECTACULAR! Large gourmet kitchen with breakfast bar overlooks over size family room w/ fireplace. The master suite is a haven for privacy and space and has a HUGE walk-in closet. The secondary bedrooms are spacious. An upstairs loft makes a great game room. Includes 10-yr builder warranty..... \$329,900

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Choosing a time to sell a home

(MS) — Homeowners are fully aware of the fluctuating real estate market that's existed since the turn of the century. What's a good market one day might be bad the very next, making it even more difficult to choose a time to put a home up for sale.

• **Competition:** Competition can work in two ways. If your home is one of very few in your area on the market, that's a good thing, as potential buyers will be more likely to compromise if there are fewer choices available to them. However, buyers like to comparison shop

Often adding to that difficulty is the handful of other variables, such as weather, geographical location, and just how many other people are selling at the same time as you. Those thinking of putting their home up should consider the following factors first.

**FOR
SALE**

as well, and might be quick to make a decision if they can compare your house to another in a similar price range.

• **Pending sales:** The pending sales in your area can indicate whether a market is moving slowly or rapidly. Pending sale refers to homes that have been sold but not yet closed. To determine how quickly or slowly a market is moving, compare the number of pending sales to the number of new listings. If there are substantially more new listings than pending sales, the market's not moving fast, and it might not be the best time to sell your home. If the ratio is closer to 1:1, then the market's doing well. In general, there will always be more new listings than pending sales, but the closer the two numbers are to one another will indicate the condition of the market you're about to enter.

• **Local economy:** If your local economy is struggling, then it's generally a bad time to put your home up for sale. High unemployment rates are one thing, but if a large company with rumored layoffs is in your immediate area, chances are people will be shying away from looking for a home. Large purchases such as home buying are understandably put on the back burner when people fear they might be losing their jobs.

On the other hand, if a large company is moving into your area and bringing with it an entirely new workforce, this is great for your local economy and and represents a good time to put your home up for sale, as those migrating to your area will need a place to live.

• **Interest rates:** This is a no-brainer, but low interest rates make housing more affordable, creating a great opportunity for sellers. Chances are, if you're selling a home, you're also looking to buy one, so low interest rates will not only help you sell your home, but help you better afford to buy your new one as well.

• **Season:** Traditionally, spring has been the time most sellers put their homes on the market, which makes it one of the more competitive times to sell your home. If you're experiencing a mild winter, you might want to consider putting your home on the market in mid- to late-winter. Interest rates will likely be lower around this time, and you'll face less competition as well. If it's a particularly harsh winter, however, this is not a good approach, as buyers won't be out patrolling neighborhoods in two or three feet of snow.

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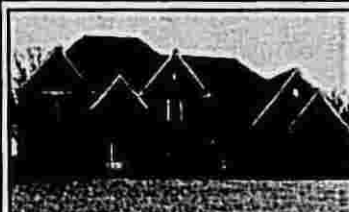


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STANDING
NEW
LUXURY
HOME**

In Wadsworth's Hunt Club Farms on 3 acres. 10' ceilings on 1st floor, 9' on 2nd. 2-story foyer w/marble floor & circular staircase. Brazilian cherry floors, tray ceilings, crown molding, cherry & granite kitchen. 1st floor master suite w/steam shower & sauna.

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2.5 ACRES**

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WADSWORTH
BEAUTY ON
7 ACRES**

HUGE new maple kitchen w/granite tops. Vaulted family rm. w/floor-to-ceiling fireplace & doors to deck with panoramic view of Hunt Club Farms! Vaulted master w/balcony & luxurious marble bath. Full newly finished walk-out basement adds rec rm, fam rm w/firepl. & bath. 3 car garage. Large rooms. 1st fl. study. \$1,049,000.

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SUITE**

Gorgeous 5 bdrm on 5.72 acres in Hunt Club Farms! Vaulted living rm w/floor-to-ceiling brick fireplace & built-in entertainment center. Maple kitchen w/granite tops & new appliances. Extensively renovated. Glass solarium. Screen porch. 3 car garage. \$938,000.

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WITH POND**

Spacious 5 bedroom, 4-1/2 bath, 3 car garage Victorian in Wadsworth's Jonathan Knolls! Walk-out basement. Spacious master w/fireplace & room-size walk-in closet. What a location! Wooded yard, prof. landscaped w/sprinkling system. \$999,000

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**IN THE
HEART
OF
LIBERTYVILLE**

NEW 4 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath home w/3 car garage. Hardwood floors all main rooms on 1st floor. Tons of detailing including trim, moldings, ceilings. Cherry kitchen w/granite tops. Family room has plasma heater equipment! \$849,900

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**GORGEOUS
LUXURY
HOME**

Fabulous Libertyville 4 bedroom new home on acre! 1st floor master suite. Beautiful millwork, hardwood floors first floor! Vaulted ceilings, 2 staircases, beautiful cabinets & granite tops. 1st fl. study w/rich built-ins and custom framed ceiling. 4 car garage! \$769,000.

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**ESTATE
HOME
ON
WOODED
LOT**

Renovated Grayslake 1920 estate home in Arbor Vista on 1.3 acres. 10 ft. ceilings, fireplace w/limestone hearth. Details like: columns, maple cabinets, granite tops, gourmet appliances, 4 bedrooms, 4 baths, screened porch, wooded yard, deck, 3 car garage. \$522,900

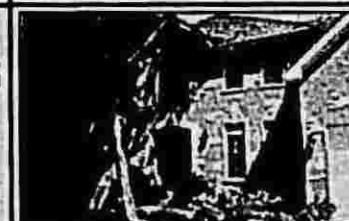
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**OUTSTANDING
4
BEDROOM**

Renovated Libertyville Red Top home on prof. landscaped interior wooded lot! Maple kitchen w/corrian tops. Family rm has oak floor, built-in entertainment center & fireplace. Finished bsmt. adds rec rm. & den. Remodeled baths with new maple cabinets. Two decks + patio. \$582,900.

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**WOODED
LOT**

Top-quality home in Lindenhurst's beautiful Emerald Ridge, maple kitchen w/granite tops, 2-sty family room w/floor-to-ceiling brick fireplace. Hardwood floors, huge master suite w/sitting rm. & marble whirlpool bath. Crown molding, tray ceilings, 5 bedrooms, 4 baths. Like new! \$699,000.

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**LUXURY
GURNEE
RANCH**

Custom 4 bedroom, 3-1/2 bath home on cul-de-sac w/pond. HUGE kitchen, open to vaulted family room with floor-to-ceiling brick fireplace. Large master bedroom w/whirlpool bath & his/her walk-in closets. Beautiful finished bsmt w/large wetbar w/granite tops, bath, office & den w/media area. \$559,000

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**TWO-
STORY
GREAT
ROOM**

Outstanding Wadsworth home on over an acre, 2-sty entry with magnificent view! Oak kitchen w/oak floor, bayed breakfast area w/tray ceiling. Family room has fireplace & built-ins. 9' ceilings on 1st fl & bsmt. 4 bedroom + den, 3-1/2 baths, 4 car garage. \$510,000.

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**VOLUME
CEILING
IN FAMILY
ROOM**

Gurnee 4 bedroom home in Timberwoods. Beautifully landscaped w/sprinkling system! Theater setup in family room including Mitsubishi TV, DVD, VCR, surround sound. 1st floor study. Oak kitchen w/oak floor. Very well maintained. \$464,900

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**ON ACRE
BACKING
TO
WOODS**

Handsome Wadsworth traditional home with hardwood floors, crown molding, and 2-story foyer. Family room has brick fireplace and access to sundeck w/view of the woods. Vaulted master bedroom has luxurious bath. 9' ceiling in basement. 4 BR, 3 car garage. \$475,000.

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**NEW
UPSCALE
RANCH
ON ACRE**

New 16 homesite custom development in Lake Villa. Take advantage of opening pricing! 9' ceilings! Huge vaulted great rm/fam rm open to cherry kitchen w/granite tops. Master has tray ceiling, walk-in closet & whirlpool bath. 3 car garage. Full bsmt. \$450,000

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**HOME
ON
BEAUTIFUL
3.4
WOODED
ACRES**

Living room has hardwood floor & handsome stone fireplace. Newly remodeled kitchen! Finished lower level adds family room with fireplace, bath & rec rm/den. City sewer! Located in Lake Villa & can be subdivided! New doors & windows. \$469,900

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**WHAT
A
DEAL!!!**

4 bedroom home in Lake Villa's Deerpath! 2-story living rm, foyer & dining room! 9' ceilings on 1st floor. 3 car garage. Vaulted bedrooms. Cherry kitchen w/ceramic floor. Family rm w/fireplace & wetbar. Huge master w/sitting area & whirlpool bath. Priced to sell! \$425,000

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**WADSWORTH
VICTORIAN**

Great 5 bedroom home on 1.3 acre lot! Cherry kitchen open to vaulted family room w/fireplace. Third floor is a spacious finished room w/vaulted ceiling! 1st floor master with fireplace, walk-in closet & whirlpool bath! Deck & gazebo. Priced to sell. \$449,000.

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Beautiful Lakewood Grove home with grand 2-sty with oak floor. Floor-to-ceiling stone fireplace in family room. Hardwood floor in eating area, foyer & family rm. Bayed dining rm. Crown molding, chair rail, 1st floor study, deck, English bsmt. Huge master bedroom. 4 bedroom, 3 car garage. Round Lake. \$447,900.

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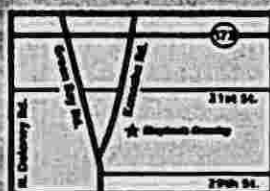
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4 things you may not know about heating your home with wood

(MS) — As long as there has been wood to burn, man has used it to stay warm. Our predecessors who discovered fire had the edge on a renewable heating source that is not only cost-effective, but also an environmentally friendly way to heat the home.

Still, many of today's homeowners rely primarily on gas, propane and oil to heat their homes rather than looking to wood. Why? It could be because they don't have the facts about burning wood efficiently and the home heating products that help toward that end. Here is some information about using wood to heat your home that may surprise you.

1. Wood is environmentally friendly. It may seem that cutting down trees for fuel would be counterproductive to the "green" movement. However, trees are a renewable resource that, like other biomass, is carbon neutral. While growing, trees absorb carbon dioxide; when they die they release carbon dioxide regardless of whether they burn or decompose. Fossil fuels by comparison are a one-way street, releasing greenhouse gasses in a matter of minutes that have been captured deep in the earth over millions of years.

2. Wood can save money. When burning logs in the new generation of high efficiency hydronic furnaces (or wood boilers), like those offered by Greenwood Technologies, the heat generated is more intense and little is lost up the chimney. These furnaces can be used in lieu of standard heating systems featuring gas or oil during the heating months, or as an add-on when homeowners prefer to use other heating sources as their primary method of heating. This reduced need for oil, propane and natural gas means a reduction in monthly heating bills. In fact, many homeowners using a Greenwood

system have seen energy bills reduced by up to 70 percent during winter months. One of these furnaces pays for itself in energy bill savings in just a few years.

3. Wood can be a clean way to provide heat. There are plenty of people who have wrestled with cords of wood to stock wood-burning stoves or fireplaces, only to find that the mess left behind in the way of trailed bark and ashes leaves much to be desired. However, homeowners who use the next generation wood boilers, like the Greenwood will find that there is little to no mess involved. That's because they burn wood at such a high temperature (2000 F) that no discernable smoke is created. What's more, because of the high burn temperature, very little ash is generated, meaning the firebox only has to be cleaned once a month rather than once a day. Also, the furnace can be installed indoors or outside and be set up to heat the entire home, eliminating the need to transport logs through the house.

4. Wood is a safe heating method. Using a wood-fired furnace can be just as safe as any other traditional heating source. Just as with other furnaces, proper operating procedures should be followed. In the case of the Greenwood furnace, safety is the company's primary focus. It was certified for indoor use to strict UL and CSA standards and is as safe as using gas or electric appliances. Very few competing wood-burning furnaces or boilers meet these stringent safety standards.

When upgrading your home and heating system this season, or if you're thinking about an entirely new way to enjoy efficient, environmentally friendly heat, consider a Greenwood Hydronic Furnace. Learn more by calling (800) 959-9184 or on the Web at www.GreenwoodFurnace.com.



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Affordable housing, first-class shopping, Fortune 500 employers and an abundance of entertainment venues are all enjoyed by residents of the Chain O' Lakes area. Spanning Lake and McHenry Counties, the area offers numerous recreational activities as well as everyday conveniences and commuter access to Chicago and the Northwest suburbs.

Reserve One Homes offers four communities set in the wooded abundance of the Chain O' Lakes area, which is only 30 miles from Arlington Heights and a little more than an hour train ride from Chicago. Single-family homes, available at Duck Lake Crossing and Vern's Landing in Fox Lake, Running Brook Farm in Johnsburg and Glacial Trails in Ringwood, range from \$269,990 to the low \$400's, with 2,184 to more than 4,000 square feet. Townhomes at Running Brook Farm range from \$188,990 to \$205,990, with square footage from 1,088 to 1,683.

"This area is much closer to Chicago and the northwest suburbs than most people think," said Lisa Porter Loftus, a Reserve One Homes partner. "People who live in our communities have plenty of recreational amenities available within five minutes, yet they can take the scenic train trip to work every day."

When it's time to shop, Gurnee Mills offers more than 220 renowned outlet stores, while Hawthorne Mall and Deer Park Town Center offer department store and boutique shopping. For those quick trips for everyday items, there are numerous grocery stores, department stores and home improvement centers along Route 31.

Those looking for entertainment can enjoy the Ravinia Festival, held each summer in Highland Park. Six Flags Great America provides more than 100 thrilling rides, as well as food, shopping and entertainment. Plenty of nearby restaurants and nightlife round out the entertainment options for the Chain O' Lakes area.

The area is also a thriving employment hub, anchored by such corporations as AT&T, Motorola, Abbott Laboratories, and Baxter Healthcare.

In addition to quick access to Chicago and the surrounding suburbs, residents of Reserve One Homes' communities also enjoy everything



the Chain O' Lakes has to offer, including a wide array of summer and winter activities. Boating, fishing, kayaking, swimming, horseback riding, hiking, snowmobiling and skiing are available nearby.

Tucked into a private alcove, Vern's Landing in Fox Lake offers eight floor plans with homes ranging from 2,184 to 3,450 square feet with three to six bedrooms and 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 baths. Prices range from \$275,990 to \$332,990. Home sites are a minimum one-third acre, with some larger ones available. The community is next to Chain O' Lakes State Park, where there are plenty of year-round recreational activities to enjoy.

Duck Lake Crossing, also in Fox Lake, features five two-story and two ranch floor plans. Homes range from 2,339 to 3,450 square feet, with three to six bedrooms and 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 baths. Base prices range from

\$331,990 to \$392,990 and include a wooded home site. Home sites range from one to two and a half acres. The community's rolling terrain lends itself to a variety of basement styles, including nine and 10-foot walkouts and English basements.



Reserve One Homes' newest community, Glacial Trails, features two ranch homes starting at 2,200 square feet and five two-story homes ranging from 2,800 to more than 4,000 square feet. Prices range from \$356,990 to \$424,990 for three to six bedrooms, 2 1/2 to 4 1/2 baths, basements and three-car garages.

While Reserve One Homes is building on many of the 57 one to two-acre home sites, some will be built on by a select group of quality builders. In addition, those looking to purchase an individual home site may choose from lots ranging from \$114,500 to \$172,800.

Glacial Trails is alongside a portion of the geological wonder of Glacial Park. The rising and rolling landscape is a place of striking beauty that lends itself to more than six miles of walking and skiing trails ranging from an easy stroll to a rugged hike.



Running Brook Farm, in scenic Johnsburg, offers single-family homes and townhomes. Seven two-story and two ranch single-family floor plans are available. All single family homes include a basement, three to six bedrooms 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 baths and a garage. Prices range from \$267,990 to \$349,990 with 2,184 to 3,450 square feet.

The Running Brook Farm townhomes feature such amenities as basements, two-car garages, and quality soundproofing for a price not often seen in the Chicago area. Prices range from just \$188,990

to \$205,990, with a square footage of 1,088 to 1,683. Each of the four floor plans offers two to three bedrooms plus a loft.

To visit Running Brook Farm, take Route 31 north to Route 120. Go east on Route 120, one-half mile to Riverside Drive. Turn north on Riverside and go two miles to Running Brook Farm Boulevard, then follow the signs. For more information, call the sales center at (815) 759-0808.

To reach Glacial Trails, from Route 31 and Route 120, take Route 31 north two miles (past Johnsburg Road) to Hart Road. Turn right on Hart Road and continue one mile to Pioneer Road. Go right on Pioneer Road one-half mile and look for the large Glacial Trails sign on the right. The sales office is at Running Brook Farm. For more information, call (815) 675-0800.

To visit Duck Lake Crossing, take Rand Road (Routes 12 and 59) north to Fox Lake. Take the North Route 59 turn-off and make a quick right onto Frontage Road, then turn left at Chris Larkin Road and go one-quarter mile to the model. For more information, call (847) 973-3400.

Vern's Landing is at Deer Run and State Park Roads in Fox Lake. The sales center is located at Duck Lake Crossing. For more information, call (847) 973-3400.

All sales centers are open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, or by appointment. For more information, visit www.ReserveOneHomes.com.



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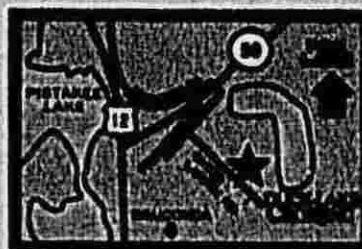
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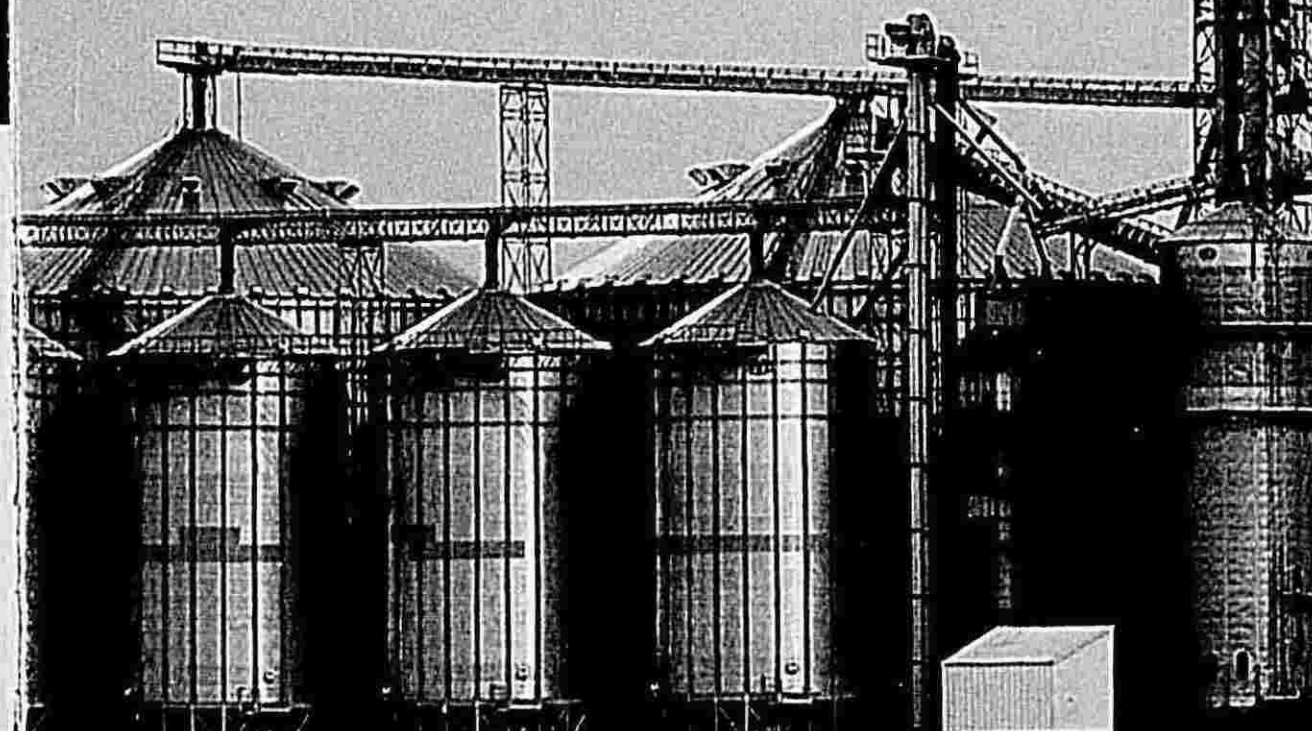


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Liberty Renewable Fuels has executed multi-year grain agreements with Brown Milling Inc. and Cooperative Elevator Co. to supply corn to the ethanol plant. Liberty has also executed a letter of intent to purchase Auburn Bean & Grain as a wholly-owned subsidiary.

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Ask American Profile

Q On the theme song of *CSI: New York*, is that Gary Sinise singing with his band? I think it sounds like him, but my husband disagrees with me.

—Katrina Avery, Morganton, N.C.

Even though Sinise, who stars in the CBS-TV series, performs occasionally with his Lt. Dan Band (named after the character he played in the movie *Forrest Gump*), it's The Who opening each *CSI: New York* episode with their rock classic "Baba O'Riley." Interestingly, the song's title never appears in its lyrics, and the tune often is mistakenly called "Teenage Wasteland" after the phrase that's repeated several times in it.



The Who sing "Baba O'Riley"

Q How old is Willie Nelson, how many kids does he have, and is he still married?

—Mary Smith, Fairfield, Calif.

Nelson, 74, has been married since 1991 to his fourth wife, Annie D'Angelo, with whom he has two children. He has five other kids from previous marriages. Nelson was born in Abbott, Texas, during the Great Depression. When his mother abandoned him and his father died, he and his sister, Bobbi, were raised by their grandparents. He picked up his first guitar at age 7.

Q I've watched Regis Philbin on television for years. How tall is he? He doesn't look much taller than his co-host, Kelli Ripa.

—D. Carlson, Witmer, Minn.

TV personality Philbin is 5 feet 7 inches tall. Co-host Ripa stands 5 feet 3 inches. Perhaps their height seems similar because, for most side-by-side camera shots, they're both sitting down—and when they're standing up, Ripa's high heels can easily add several inches.

Q Did puppeteer Shari Lewis have any children, and are any of them carrying on her work?

—Betty G., Plano, Texas

The popular puppeteer, ventriloquist and children's-TV show host of the 1960s and '70s, who died in 1998, had one child, a daughter. Mallory Lewis, 44, began working with her mom at age 12, ghostwriting Shari's newspaper column. For the last several years, Mallory has performed some 200 shows a year with her mother's beloved "Lamb Chop" sock puppet. Additionally, she writes children's books and recently released a DVD, *Phonics for Babies*, which uses puppets and music to teach infants the basics of early speech.



Shari Lewis with daughter Mallory

Q I really enjoyed *Men in Trees*. Does Anne Heche have any more TV shows in the works?

—She King, Port Clinton, Ohio

Don't give up on *Men in Trees*. After its summer hiatus, the quirky series set in Alaska is returning this fall on ABC, airing on Friday evenings. As for other projects for Heche, 38, she voices the character of Lois Lane on the recently released animated direct-to-DVD movie *Superman: Doomsday*. She spent her time off from the TV series largely out of the public eye in the wake of her divorce proceedings from her husband of five years, Coley Luffoon, and her new romance with *Men in Trees* co-star James Tupper.

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Anne Heche stars in *Men in Trees*

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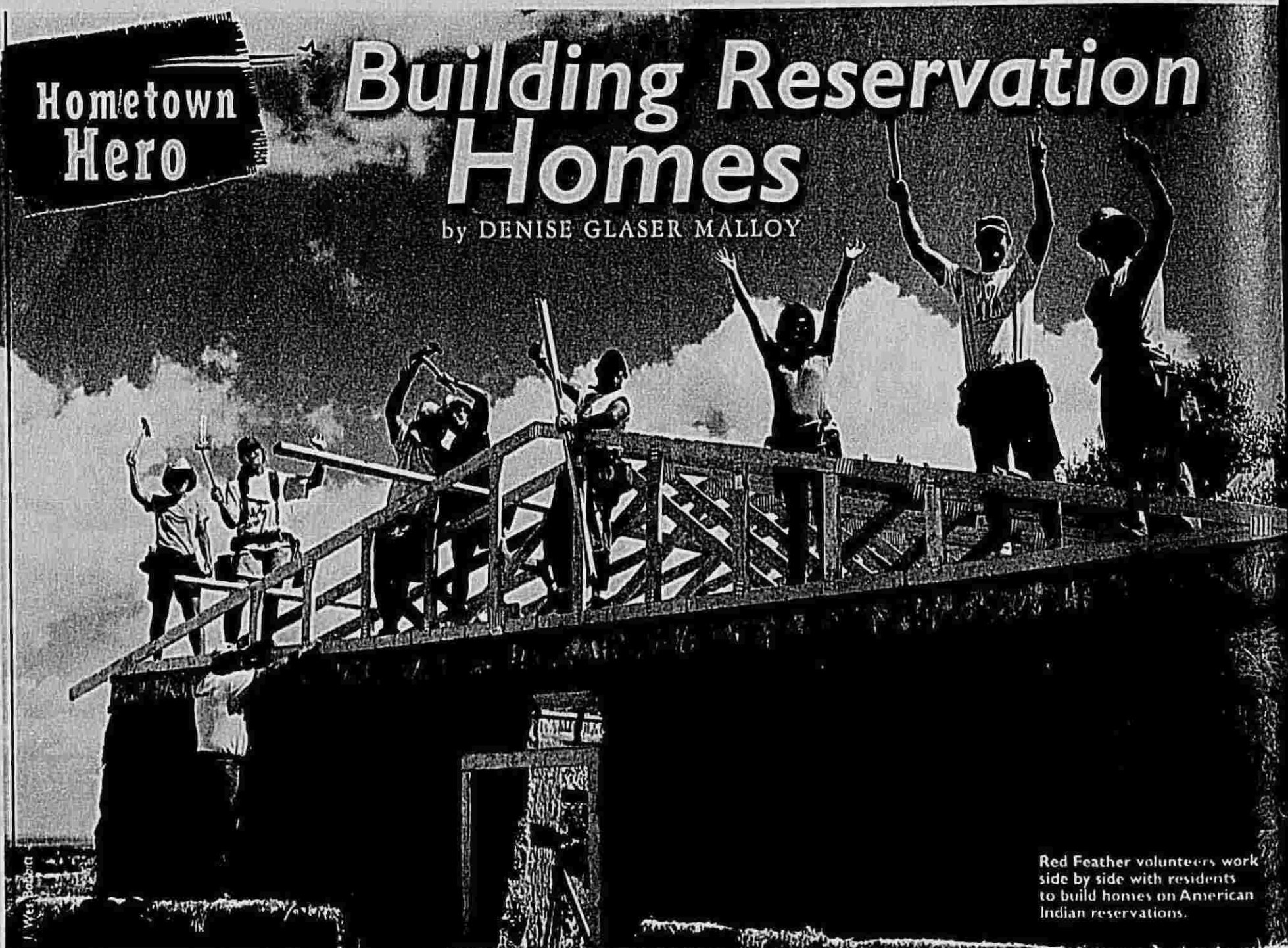
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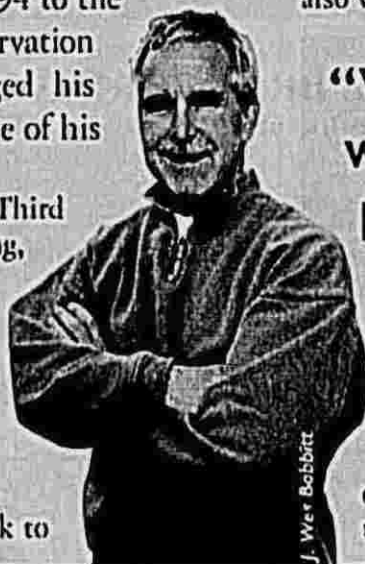


Red Feather volunteers work side by side with residents to build homes on American Indian reservations.

Robert Young once was a successful Seattle business owner who thought poverty was "someone else's responsibility." But a visit in 1994 to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota changed his thinking—and the course of his life—dramatically.

"Pine Ridge looked like a Third World country," recalls Young, 45, who was shocked at the widespread poverty he saw: homes with no heat, no electricity, no running water. He returned to Seattle vowing to do something about the problem.

A year later, he came back to



Pine Ridge, along with a crew of volunteers, to build a new home for one of the residents, Lakota elder Katherine Red Feather, 75. "It was the hardest work I've ever done," Young admits. But it also was the most meaningful, planting the seeds

construct and coordinate financing for dozens of homes on reservations in Arizona, Montana, South Dakota and Washington. Young sold his clothing manufacturing business and relocated the operation, originally begun as a part-time

"We must ask ourselves what kind of world we wish to live in, and know that we are all a vital part of the solution." — Robert Young

for the nonprofit organization that Young would start to assist American Indians in improving housing conditions on their reservations.

Since 1995, Young's Red Feather Development Group, named after the recipient of the first home he helped build, has helped

venture, to Bozeman, Mont., in 2003, pouring all his time and resources into the project and taking it full-time.

Young and his staff work closely with American Indian communities to navigate the complexities of building on reservation land and ultimately construct a home that addresses the needs of



Mark Roundstone (left) and son Ruben stucco the exterior of their new home.

each recipient. "It's empowering to be part of the process," he says. "Community involvement is the key; they're the experts at what's best for them, not us."

Families selected must pay a mortgage and work alongside Red Feather staff and volunteers during construction. Last year, Red Feather helped Mark and Tammy Roundstone build a new home on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation, 100 miles east of Billings, Mont., where tribal president Eugene Little Coyote says providing housing is a challenge.

"There are 200 families on the waiting list," says Coyote, who points out the drastic measures some tribal members are willing to undertake to keep their families on the reservation.

Before moving into their new home, the Roundstones lived in an abandoned house with no doors or toilet, determined to remain in their community rather than move away. When the Roundstones learned they could build a new home on the reservation with the help of Red Feather, they originally turned down the offer.

"As a tribal leader, I can't live materially rich when my neighbors are in pov-

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Spur Roundstone works on his new home on Montana's Northern Cheyenne Reservation.



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Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take including prescription and nonprescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements. BYETTA slows stomach emptying and can affect medicines that need to pass through the stomach quickly. Ask your healthcare provider if the time at which you take any of your oral medicines (for example, birth control pills, antibiotics) should be changed.

Know the medicines you take. Keep a list of them with you to show your healthcare provider and pharmacist each time you get a new medicine.

How should I use BYETTA?

See the accompanying Pen User Manual for instructions for using the BYETTA Pen and injecting BYETTA. BYETTA comes in a prefilled pen. Two prefilled pens (5 mcg or 10 mcg) are available, depending on your prescribed dose (5 mcg or 10 mcg, twice a day). Each pen has 60 doses to provide 30 days of twice-a-day injections. You must do a "New Pen Set-Up" (see User Manual) one time only, when starting a new prefilled BYETTA Pen. If you do this "New Pen Set-Up" before each injection, you will run out of medicine before 30 days.

- Use BYETTA exactly as prescribed by your healthcare provider. Your dose may be increased after using BYETTA for 30 days. Do not change your dose unless your healthcare provider has told you to change your dose. Your healthcare provider must teach you how to inject BYETTA before you use it for the first time. If you have questions or do not understand the instructions, talk to your healthcare provider or pharmacist.
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- If you use too much BYETTA, call your healthcare provider or poison control center right away. You may need medical treatment right away. Too much BYETTA can cause nausea, vomiting, dizziness, or symptoms of low blood sugar.

What are the possible side effects of BYETTA?

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The most common side effects with BYETTA include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, dizziness, headache, feeling jittery, and acid stomach. Nausea is most common when first starting BYETTA, but decreases over time in most patients.

BYETTA may reduce your appetite, the amount of food you eat, and your weight. No changes in your dose are needed for these side effects.

Talk to your healthcare provider about any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away.

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How should I store BYETTA?

- Store your new, unused BYETTA Pen in the original carton in a refrigerator at 36°F to 46°F (2°C to 8°C) protected from light. Do not freeze. Throw away any BYETTA Pen that has been frozen.

- After first use, your BYETTA Pen can be kept at a temperature not to exceed 77°F (25°C). Do not freeze. Do not use BYETTA if it has been frozen. BYETTA should be protected from light.

- Use a BYETTA Pen for only 30 days. Throw away a used BYETTA Pen after 30 days, even if some medicine remains in the pen.
- BYETTA should not be used after the expiration date printed on the label.
- Do not store the BYETTA Pen with the needle attached. If the needle is left on, medicine may leak from the BYETTA Pen or air bubbles may form in the cartridge.
- Keep your BYETTA Pen, pen needles, and all medicines out of the reach of children.

General information about BYETTA

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for conditions that are not listed in the Patient Information. Do not use BYETTA for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give BYETTA to other people, even if they have the same symptoms you have. It may harm them.

Your food and exercise plan, along with your periodic blood sugar testing and scheduled A1C (also known as HbA_{1c}) checks, will continue to be important in managing your diabetes while you are taking BYETTA.

This Patient Information includes the most important information you should know about using BYETTA. If you would like more information, talk with your healthcare provider. You can ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist for information about BYETTA that is written for health professionals.

- More information on BYETTA can be found at <http://www.BYETTA.com>.
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The Roundstone family is all smiles on the big day that their new house is completed.

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erty," Roundstone reasoned. But deciding their actions might motivate others to take similar steps to improve their situations, the couple had a change of heart.

"It's like throwing rocks in calm water," Roundstone says. "It will spread, and our community will experience positive changes."

Young attributes Red Feather's success to its dedicated staff, volunteers and the generous financial support of individuals and corporations, which donate materials, building supplies and tools. Volunteers come from around the world to donate their time during the four weeks of a typical construction project, pounding nails, hauling supplies, hanging drywall, cutting lumber and doing cleanup. Donations fund professional tradesmen, usually from the community, for specialty work such as plumbing and electrical.

Jan Waters, a nurse from Atlanta, has volunteered for four Red Feather building projects. "You feel as if you get back so much by giving of yourself," she says. "When you leave, your heart and soul feel good, and your spirit is balanced."

Young knows from experience that an individual can make an enormous difference. "It's our responsibility to assist one another," he says. "We must ask ourselves what kind of world we wish to live in, and know that we are all a vital part of the solution." ☆

Denise Glaser Malloy lives in Bozeman, Mont.

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How to Ask for a Raise

by JOHN NARDINI

Wonder why you didn't get that raise you deserve? The reason may be as simple as the old saying "You have not because you ask not."

Employers don't automatically hand out raises these days, says David Lorenzo, a career adviser and corporate coach based in New York. "Remember that most businesses try to obtain services as inexpensively as possible. This includes labor. Chances are good that you will only receive more if you ask for it."

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• **Pick the right time.** "Timing is everything in business," says Lorenzo, author of *Career Intensity: Business Strategy for Workplace Warriors and Entrepreneurs*. If the company and industry are doing poorly, it may not be the best time to ask for more money. But if business is booming, especially if you've played a key role in the company's success, make your move. Special opportunities can provide a natural springboard for a raise: after you've received an award, saved significant money for the firm, or agreed to take on additional responsibility. Finally, consider the corporate calendar; you may get better results if you ask while the next year's budget is being developed.

• **List your accomplishments.** The bottom line is creating value for your company. "Talk about your value in financial terms. There is almost always a way for a company to reward a star performer," says Lorenzo, noting that the opposite is true as well. "Examine your performance as it compares to your peers within your organization. If you are not near the top of the list, you probably do not have a viable argument for seeking an increase."

• **Rehearse.** Put both your salary research and accomplishments on paper. These will make it easier for your boss to justify your request to superiors. In addition, practice your presentation aloud until it is smooth and professional. Remember, you are selling yourself, and the more you rehearse, the more confident you'll be.

• **Prepare for all reactions.** If your employer says "yes," express your thanks. If the answer depends on the approval of others, express appreciation for your boss's support in the matter. If the answer is "no," you might want to suggest other means of compensation, such as more vacation days, flexible hours and the option to telecommute, or ask to reopen negotiations in a few months.

• **Consider other options.** If a raise is denied and you're underpaid for your contribution, it may be time to update your resume and explore other job opportunities.

When you do receive that raise, however, don't rest on your laurels. Prove to your boss and your company that they made the right decision by staying professional, helping the company financially and creating value. Such initiatives will pay off—and help your career—toward a richer tomorrow.

John Nardini is a frequent contributor to American Profile.

WHAT AMERICANS EARN

Wages and salaries vary greatly across the United States, from an average of \$184,150 a year for surgeons to \$15,960 for fast food cooks. The mean annual wage of American workers was \$39,190 in 2006, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Below are wage estimates for some other occupations.

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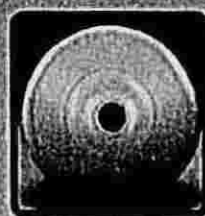


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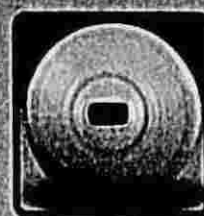
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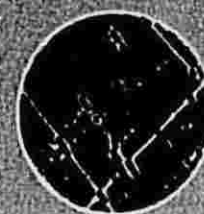
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Cover Story

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In Praise of the Prairie

Broadcaster Bill Kurtis returns to his Kansas roots

On his ranch in the Flint Hills

of Kansas, Bill Kurtis walks among cows grazing on big bluestem and other prairie grasses. "Eat up, girls," he says in a resonant voice familiar to millions of Americans from his hosting roles on the A&E Network programs *Investigative Reports* and *Cold Case Files*.

The Chicago-based broadcast journalist has traveled to exotic places around the globe to produce hard-hitting news documentaries. But his favorite off-air destination is the sprawling prairie and the tucked-away towns of Sedan (pop. 1,342) and Independence (pop. 9,846), where he grew up. He returns about once a month to his two-story ranch house with its wrap-around front porch, perfect for watching sunsets stretch across the horizon of his 10,000-acre Red Buffalo Ranch near Sedan.

"This is the story of settling America with immigrants homesteading and moving West," Kurtis says, gesturing to the wide-open prairie all around him. "The Indian chapter, the cattle trail drives, the Civil War is here. The largest tract of remaining tallgrass prairie in the world is right here in the Flint Hills."

When he pauses, the countryside is so hushed without traffic or any other man-made noises that the meadowlarks sound downright rowdy.

"I saw the value in trying to save this," Kurtis says.

Restoring a prairie town

Dick Jones, owner of Jones Realty in Sedan, recalls the day in 1999 when Kurtis began saving downtown Sedan one building at a time. Sedan's glory days were long gone and many ornate sandstone, brick and limestone buildings on Main Street stood empty.

On visits to the area after buying the Red Buffalo Ranch in 1995, Kurtis began speaking to economic development groups about promoting the treasures of the prairie—its natural beauty, rich history and small, picturesque towns. After one such speech, he was driving to the Wichita airport to fly back to Chicago when he heeded his own heartfelt words and called Jones.

"He asked, 'Do you have any buildings for sale?'" Jones recalls. "I said, 'Yes sir, how many do you want?'" Jones mentioned the 1920 Fish Building, a former department store.

Kurtis bought and restored it, and today it's a popular local retail center that houses a gift shop and coffee bar, an antiques store, a local jelly company and the Tallgrass Beef Co., which Kurtis founded to market the meat of the grass-fed cattle raised on his ranch.

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Television reporter Bill Kurtis strolls in downtown Sedan, Kan., a town he's working hard to revitalize.

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Take this bone health quiz.

Test your knowledge of osteoporosis by answering True or False to each question below.

1. In women, bone loss is most rapid in the first few years after menopause.
☐ True ☐ False
2. A BMD test measures your bone mineral density.
☐ True ☐ False
3. In women with osteoporosis, fractures are rare.
☐ True ☐ False

Answers:

1. **True.** After menopause, a woman's ovaries stop producing estrogen, a hormone that helps protect against bone loss. So in most women, the rate of bone loss increases soon after menopause.
2. **True.** A Bone Mineral Density (BMD) scan is a painless test similar to an X-ray. It gives you a snapshot of how healthy your bones are. Your doctor may continue to monitor your bone health on an ongoing basis.
3. **False.** One in two women over age 50 will experience an osteoporosis-related fracture, and osteoporosis causes 1.5 million fractures each year. The bones of the spine are most vulnerable to breaks. That's why it's important to talk to your doctor about how to treat osteoporosis and prevent fractures.

For more questions and answers, go to BoneHealth.com. And take this Bone Health Quiz with you when you talk to your doctor about osteoporosis.

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What is the most important information I should know about BONIVA?

BONIVA may cause serious problems in the stomach and the esophagus (the tube that connects your mouth and stomach) such as trouble swallowing, heartburn, and ulcers (see "What are the possible side effects of BONIVA?").

You must take BONIVA exactly as prescribed for BONIVA to work for you and to lower the chance of serious side effects (see "How should I take BONIVA?").

What is BONIVA?

BONIVA is a prescription medicine used to treat or prevent osteoporosis in women after menopause (see "What is osteoporosis?").

BONIVA may reverse bone loss by stopping more loss of bone and increasing bone mass in most women who take it, even though they won't be able to see or feel a difference. BONIVA may help lower the chances of breaking bones (fractures).

For BONIVA to treat or prevent osteoporosis, you have to take it as prescribed. BONIVA will not work if you stop taking it.

Who should not take BONIVA?

Do not take BONIVA if you:

- have low blood calcium (hypocalcemia)
- cannot sit or stand up for at least 1 hour (60 minutes)
- have kidneys that work very poorly
- are allergic to ibandronate sodium or any of the other ingredients of BONIVA (see the end of this Patient Information for a list of all the ingredients in BONIVA)

Tell your health care provider before using BONIVA:

- if you are pregnant or planning to become pregnant. It is not known if BONIVA can harm your unborn baby
- if you are breast-feeding. It is not known if BONIVA passes into your milk and if it can harm your baby
- if you have swallowing problems or other problems with your esophagus (the tube that connects your mouth and stomach)
- if you have kidney problems
- if you are planning a dental procedure such as tooth extraction

Tell your health care provider (including your dentist) about all the medicines you take including prescription and non-prescription medicines, vitamins, and supplements. Some medicines, especially certain vitamins, supplements, and antacids can stop BONIVA from getting to your bones. This can happen if you take other medicines too close to the time that you take BONIVA (see "How should I take BONIVA?").

How should I take BONIVA?

- Take BONIVA exactly as instructed by your health care provider.
- Take BONIVA first thing in the morning at least 1 hour (60 minutes) before you eat, drink anything other than plain water, or take any other oral medicine.
- Take BONIVA with 6 to 8 ounces (about 1 full cup) of plain water. Do not take it with any other drink besides plain water. Do not take it with other drinks, such as mineral water, sparkling water, coffee, tea, dairy drinks (such as milk), or juice.
- Swallow BONIVA whole. Do not chew or suck the tablet or keep it in your mouth to melt or dissolve.
- After taking BONIVA you must wait at least 1 hour (60 minutes) before:
 - Lying down. You may sit, stand, or do normal activities like read the newspaper or take a walk.
 - Eating or drinking anything except for plain water.
 - Taking other oral medicines including vitamins, calcium, or antacids. Take your vitamins, calcium, and antacids at a different time of the day from the time when you take BONIVA.
- If you take too much BONIVA, drink a full glass of milk and call your local poison control center or emergency room right away. Do not make yourself vomit. Do not lie down.
- Keep taking BONIVA for as long as your health care provider tells you. BONIVA will not work if you stop taking it.
- Your health care provider may tell you to exercise and take calcium and vitamin supplements to help your osteoporosis.

Your health care provider may do a test to measure the thickness (density) of your bones or do other tests to check your progress.

What is my BONIVA schedule?

Schedule for taking BONIVA 150 mg once monthly:

- Take one BONIVA 150-mg tablet once a month.
- Choose one date of the month (your BONIVA day) that you will remember and that best fits your schedule to take your BONIVA 150-mg tablet.
- Take one BONIVA 150-mg tablet in the morning of your chosen day (see "How should I take BONIVA?").

What to do if I miss a monthly dose:

- If your next scheduled BONIVA day is more than 7 days away, take one BONIVA 150-mg tablet in the morning following the day that you remember (see "How should I take BONIVA?"). Then return to taking one BONIVA 150-mg tablet every month in the morning of your chosen day, according to your original schedule.

- Do not take two 150-mg tablets within the same week. If your next scheduled BONIVA day is only 1 to 7 days away, wait until your next scheduled BONIVA day to take your tablet. Then return to taking one BONIVA 150-mg tablet every month in the morning of your chosen day, according to your original schedule.

- If you are not sure what to do if you miss a dose, contact your health care provider who will be able to advise you.

Schedule for taking BONIVA 2.5 mg once daily:

- Take one BONIVA 2.5-mg tablet once a day first thing in the morning at least 1 hour (60 minutes) before you eat, drink anything other than plain water, or take any other oral medicine (see "How should I take BONIVA?").

What to do if I miss a daily dose:

- If you forget to take your BONIVA 2.5-mg tablet in the morning, do not take it later in the day. Just return to your normal schedule and take 1 tablet the next morning. Do not take two tablets on the same day.
- If you are not sure what to do if you miss a dose, contact your health care provider who will be able to advise you.

What should I avoid while taking BONIVA?

- Do not take other medicines, or eat or drink anything but plain water before you take BONIVA and for at least 1 hour (60 minutes) after you take it.
- Do not lie down for at least 1 hour (60 minutes) after you take BONIVA.

What are the possible side effects of BONIVA?

Stop taking BONIVA and call your health care provider right away if you have:

- pain or trouble with swallowing
- chest pain
- very bad heartburn or heartburn that does not get better

BONIVA MAY CAUSE:

- pain or trouble swallowing (dysphagia)
- heartburn (esophagitis)
- ulcers in your stomach or esophagus (the tube that connects your mouth and stomach)

Common side effects with BONIVA are:

- diarrhea
- pain in extremities (arms or legs)
- dyspepsia (upset stomach)

Less common side effects with BONIVA are short-lasting, mild flu-like symptoms (usually improve after the first dose). These are not all the possible side effects of BONIVA. For more information ask your health care provider or pharmacist.

Rarely, patients have reported severe bone, joint, and/or muscle pain starting within one day to several months after beginning to take, by mouth, bisphosphonate drugs to treat osteoporosis (thin bones). This group of drugs includes BONIVA. Most patients experienced relief after stopping the drug. Contact your health care provider if you develop these symptoms after starting BONIVA.

Rarely, patients taking bisphosphonates have reported serious jaw problems associated with delayed healing and infection, often following dental procedures such as tooth extraction. If you experience jaw problems, please contact your health care provider and dentist.

What is osteoporosis?

Osteoporosis is a disease that causes bones to become thinner. Thin bones can break easily. Most people think of their bones as being solid like a rock. Actually, bone is living tissue, just like other parts of the body, such as your heart, brain, or skin. Bone just happens to be a harder type of tissue. Bone is always changing. Your body keeps your bones strong and healthy by replacing old bone with new bone.

Osteoporosis causes the body to remove more bone than it replaces. This means that bones get weaker. Weak bones are more likely to break. Osteoporosis

is a bone disease that is quite common in women after menopause. At first, osteoporosis has no symptoms, but people with osteoporosis may develop loss of height and are more likely to break (fracture) their bones, especially the back (spine), wrist, and hip bones. Osteoporosis can be prevented, and with proper therapy it can be treated.

Who is at risk for osteoporosis?

Talk to your health care provider about your chances for getting osteoporosis.

Many things put people at risk for osteoporosis. The following people have a higher chance of getting osteoporosis:

Women who:

- are going through or who are past menopause ("the change")
- are white (Caucasian) or Asian

People who:

- are thin
- have a family member with osteoporosis
- do not get enough calcium or vitamin D
- do not exercise
- smoke
- drink alcohol often
- take bone thinning medicines (like prednisone) for a long time

General information about BONIVA

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for conditions that are not mentioned in patient information. Do not use BONIVA for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give BONIVA to other people, even if they have the same symptoms you have. It may harm them.

Store BONIVA at 77°F (25°C) or at room temperature between 59°F and 86°F (15°C and 30°C).

Keep BONIVA and all medicines out of the reach of children.

This summarizes the most important information about BONIVA. If you would like more information, talk with your health care provider. You can ask your health care provider or pharmacist for information about BONIVA that is written for health professionals.

For more information about BONIVA, call 1-888-MY-BONIVA or visit www.myboniva.com.

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Visiting with Sedan friends Dick and Nita Jones ...



... and sharing a laugh with local artist Terry Ricketts. (Continued from page 10)

The Fish Building was the first of 14 buildings that Kurtis bought and brought back to life in Sedan, including an 1880s stone house—once used as a livery stable—that's now a bed and breakfast inn. He transformed another 1890 beauty into The Art of the Prairie Gallery to showcase prairie-inspired art. Kurtis offered the restored buildings rent-free for one year to entrepreneurs, then sold the structures at a reasonable price.

"He has literally saved this community by his generosity," Jones says. "When Bill took on this venture, we had 13 vacant buildings. Because of his belief in Sedan and because of the goodness of his heart, today we have two. Bill has been a godsend to this community."

Stained-glass artists and partners Terry Ricketts and Debby Hewlett bought two buildings last year from Kurtis and opened The Studio in the Hills and Kokopelli Gallery.

"Bill came into town and bought buildings that needed work—a new roof or a furnace—and fixed them up so it wouldn't be a burden on people," says Hewlett, 54. "He gave us a good deal on the buildings and let us set our own payments and financed it for us."

"But the best thing he did was purchase the old lumberyard," says Ricketts, 56. Now called the Kurtis Arts Plaza, it hosts painting, woodcarving and other art classes, along



Kurtis works in Chicago, but he frequently returns to his home on the 10,000-acre Red Buffalo Ranch in Kansas.

with festivals and events that combine art, music and food.

"It's wonderful fun and great satisfaction giving back and saving a town simply by rehabbing buildings," Kurtis says. "This is a place where America's values were born."

Raised on the prairie

Kurtis, 67, knows small-town values by heart, having grown up in nearby Independence. His parents owned the land where writer Laura Ingalls Wilder, the *Little House on the Prairie* author, lived in the 1870s. Today, Kurtis and his sister, state Sen. Jean Schodorf of Wichita, own the Little House site, where a replica of the Ingalls' family cabin has been built. Nearby is Walnut Creek and the well that Pa Ingalls dug by hand.

In 1962, Kurtis graduated from the University of Kansas in Lawrence with a journalism degree, and four years later was anchoring the evening news at WIBW-TV in Topeka, where one career-defining night convinced him of the power of television to save lives. On June 8, 1966, he was winding up the newscast when he was handed a bulletin about an approaching tornado.

"Fifteen seconds later, someone handed me a piece of paper that said: 'The Huntington Apartments have just been wiped out.' I drew a straight line in my mind and saw the tornado bearing down on the city and the campus

where my wife and child were." The 26-year-old faced the camera and blurted, "For God's sake, take cover!"

Kurtis' distinctive voice has carried him through 41 years of broadcast journalism from WBBM-TV, a CBS affiliate in Chicago, to anchoring the *CBS Morning News* in New York. In 1990, he formed Kurtis Productions and began producing his popular programs for the A&E Network, including *Investigative Reports* and *Cold Case Files*, as well as *Investigating History* for The History Channel.

Environmental and health topics long have interested Kurtis, who broke the story on Agent Orange, a herbicide and defoliant used during the Vietnam War, and began reporting 15 years ago on global warming. Today, these concerns inspire his ranching on the prairie.

Grass-fed beef

"I'm trying to lead the wave in terms of healthy beef. I think this is the answer to obesity," says Kurtis, whose Tallgrass Beef Co. raises grass-fed cows on his ranch. He has returned to the way that cattle historically were raised on open range and grass only, without the use of hormones, antibiotics and fattening in feedlots on corn and corn products. At any given time, there are some 2,500 to 3,500 cows ranging over the Kurtis ranch.

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This week *American Profile* presents two recipes that are perfect for a light supper. Serve these dishes with hearty whole-grain rolls or bread and a fruit dessert, for a nutritious meal that's full of flavor.

Tangy Warm Potato Salad with Bacon and Sun-Dried Tomatoes is not the usual mayonnaise-drenched potato salad. "Applewood bacon, sun-dried tomatoes and chopped red onions give this salad a distinctive flair," says Michaela Rosenthal of Woodland Hills, Calif., who submitted the recipe.

Rosenthal's salad pairs well with Laura Frerich's Salmon with Savory Seafood Rub. "My husband is a seafood lover. He discovered this quick, easy meal one night when he was in charge of our entree," says the Napoleon, Ohio, resident.

As always, *American Profile* looks forward to receiving your recipes and sharing them with our millions of readers across the nation. To submit a recipe of your own, send it, along with the story behind it and a color photograph of yourself, to: Hometown Recipes, *American Profile*, 341 Cool Springs Blvd., Suite 400, Franklin, TN 37067. Please note that recipes and photos will not be returned. ✨

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RECIPE: Tangy Warm Potato Salad



Michaela Rosenthal
Woodland Hills, Calif.

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Tangy Warm Potato Salad with Bacon and Sun-Dried Tomatoes

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| 3 pounds small new potatoes (about 2-inch diameter), scrubbed | 1/2 cup diced oil-packed, sun-dried tomatoes, drained |
| 1 teaspoon salt | 1 tablespoon whole-grain mustard |
| 1/2 pound applewood smoked bacon, diced | 2 garlic cloves, minced |
| 1 1/2 cups finely chopped red onions | 1/4 cup chopped parsley |
| | 1/2 cup cider vinegar |
| | Coarsely ground black pepper |

1. Place potatoes in large stockpot and cover with water. Add salt. Bring to a boil; reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, until potatoes are tender, 25 to 35 minutes. Drain. Slice each potato into 3 pieces (about 1/2-inch thick). Place in a large bowl.
2. Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add bacon and cook until almost crisp. Remove from heat and stir in onions, tomatoes, mustard and garlic.
3. Pour bacon mixture over potatoes while they are still hot; add parsley and vinegar. Toss gently to coat. Season with additional salt and pepper.
4. Let stand 15 minutes to absorb flavors. Serve warm or at room temperature. Serves 12.

Tips From Our Test Kitchen: Use a rubber spatula to toss potatoes to prevent them from breaking apart.

RECIPE: Salmon with Savory Seafood Rub



Laura Frerich
Napoleon, Ohio

Photo: High Cotton
Food Styling & Photography

Salmon with Savory Seafood Rub

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| 4 (6-ounce) salmon fillets, rinsed and patted dry |
| 2 tablespoons olive oil |
| 1 tablespoon dark brown sugar |
| 1 teaspoon dry mustard |
| 1 teaspoon chili powder |
| 1 teaspoon ground cumin |

1. Place salmon on a foil-lined baking sheet. Spoon olive oil evenly over all.
2. Combine brown sugar, dry mustard, chili powder and cumin; mix well. Sprinkle over salmon; press down to allow the spices to adhere. Refrigerate at least 30 minutes to overnight.
3. Preheat oven to 400F. If salmon has been refrigerated 30 minutes, bake 8 to 10 minutes, or until opaque in the center. If refrigerated overnight, bake 10 to 12 minutes, or until opaque in the center. Do not overcook. Serves 4.

Tips From Our Test Kitchen: It's important to pat the fillets dry. Otherwise, the oil and seasonings will not adhere properly to the fish.



On the air in 1974 at Chicago's WBBM-TV

Charlie Trotter's serve Kurtis Tallgrass Beef, which also is sold online.

Kurtis' cookbook, *The Prairie Table Cookbook*, will be released next month and is one more tribute to small-town Kansas, says co-author Michelle Martin, a researcher and photographer for Kurtis. The book features 19th-century recipes, firsthand accounts and photographs about the hardships and joys of life on the prairie.

"Bill has worked tirelessly to see that his ranch helps preserve the tallgrass prairie," Martin says. "He sees magic in the grasses of the prairie that others ignore or take for granted."

Walking around his ranch, Kurtis mentions other dreams and projects, including a solar- and wind-powered ranch house. His daughter, Mary Kristin, 40, will oversee its construction. Son Scott, 35, also lives in Sedan. Kurtis' wife, Donna LaPietra, works alongside Bill in Chicago and helps run Kurtis Productions.

He envisions celebrity-chef events on the prairie, opening a restaurant and making Sedan a world-class culinary destination. "People will fly in from New York for a good meal," he says confidently.

At Butcher Falls on his ranch, Kurtis lingers and admires the water tumbling over a 10-foot-high limestone ledge. Pink columbines sprout here and there. And beyond the creek is open prairie as far as the eye can see.

"The prairie is so forgiving," Kurtis says. "One rain and it's lush green grass again. This is a magical spot." ✧

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Craft Carnival—Clarinda, Oct. 20. Browse more than 400 booths of handmade crafts by crafters from Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri and Kansas at the Page County Fairgrounds, Clarinda Pavilion and Clarinda Academy. (712) 542-2166.

KANSAS

Fall Cattle Drive—Bucklin, Oct. 11-13. Experience the Old West by driving longhorn cattle to winter pasture, eating a Dutch oven-cooked meal and sleeping in a bedroll under the stars at the Moore Ranch. (620) 826-3649.

MICHIGAN

C.S. Lewis Festival—Petoskey, Oct. 26-Nov. 26. Celebrate the author of *The Chronicles of Narnia* and other literary classics through performances, guest speakers, classes, art shows and workshops. (231) 347-5550.

MINNESOTA

Whistle Down the Wind—St. Paul, Oct. 9-21. Enjoy Andrew Lloyd Webber and Jim Steinman's musical about the transforming power of love at the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts. (651) 224-4222.

MISSOURI

Autumn Historic Folklife Festival—Hannibal, Oct. 20-21. More than 80 Midwestern artists and artisans exhibit, sell and demonstrate their works while regional musicians perform traditional tunes during this 1800s-themed event on Main Street. (573) 221-6545.

NEBRASKA

Book Festival—Lincoln, Oct. 26-27. Readings, book signings, panel discussions, storytelling, literary exhibits and book awards highlight this event in the downtown area. (402) 471-4006.

NORTH DAKOTA

Buffalo City Bull-A-Rama—Jamestown, Oct. 12-13. Watch professional bull riders compete in this event, enjoy a band and dancing, and bring the kids for the greased pig contest at the Jamestown Civic Arena. (701) 252-8088.

OHIO

Ohio Country Antiques Show—Wilmington, Oct. 20. Browse more than 50 dealer displays featuring Americana, primitives and country antiques at the Roberts Centre. (513) 738-7256.

SOUTH DAKOTA

River City Band Festival—Chamberlain, Oct. 13. Watch as high school bands from within a 180-mile radius of town perform in a street competition in the downtown area and in a field competition on Don Giese Field. (605) 234-5474.

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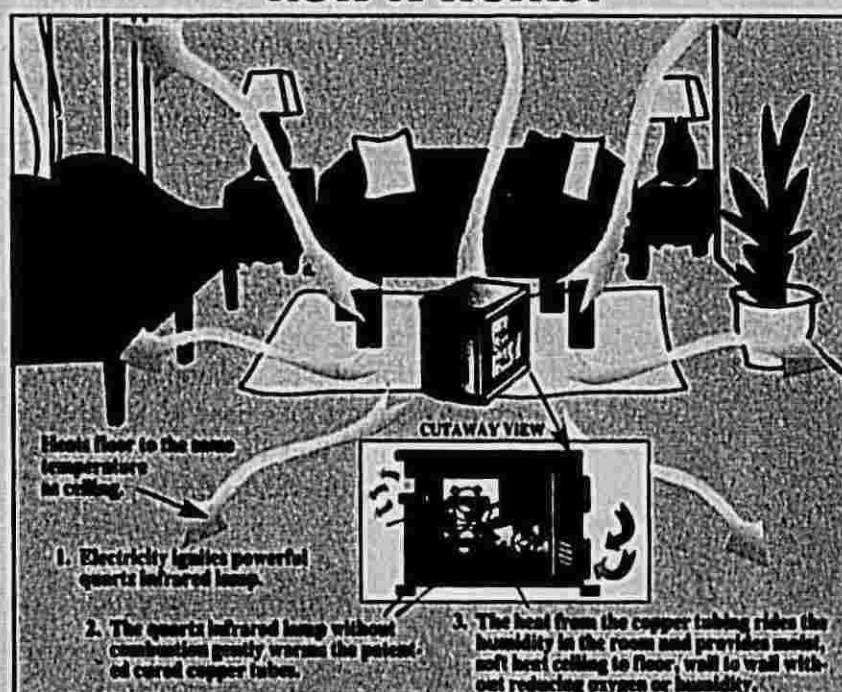
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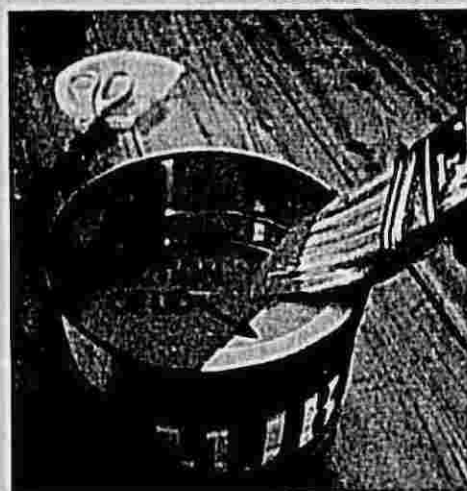
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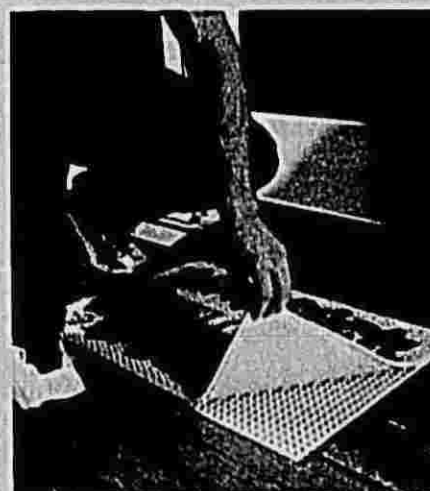
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Hometown Spotlight

A Bewitching Time

by SEAN CONNEELY

On a blustery October night, a cloaked figure turns down a dimly lit alleyway in Salem, Mass. (pop. 40,407). An attentive crowd follows, mirroring the mysterious person's every twist and turn before reaching one of America's oldest cemeteries to learn its spooky history.

"I love entertaining our guests with ghost stories, but also telling them about the history of Salem," says Justine Curley, who serves as the mysterious guide on the Haunted Footsteps Ghost Tour, one of many activities offered during the city's monthlong Halloween celebration known as Haunted Happenings.

For 25 years, Salem has hosted the family-friendly observance of all things eerie and ethereal, drawing 300,000 visitors annually to an event that's billed as America's Halloween Festival. "It's the largest Halloween festival in the country," says Biff Michaud, CEO of the Salem Witch Museum and founder of Haunted Happenings. "We get visitors from all over the country and the world. They all want to be in Salem for Halloween."

Salem, infamous for its witch trials of the late 1600s, has embraced its past. Today, the town is known as "The Witch City," where the Salem High School mascot is a witch. The local newspaper, *The Salem News*, sports a witch on its masthead, as do the doors of Salem police cars.

The festival is a time for kids to wear their favorite Halloween costume.



Haunted Happenings began as a one-day festival in 1982 as a way to create a safe, family-friendly atmosphere where children of all ages could come together and celebrate Halloween.

The festival kicks off with the Grand Parade, a costume extravaganza featuring students from local grade schools and colleges dressed in costumes ranging from Superman and Harry Potter to Cinderella and Power Rangers.

Klaus and Belen Morgenstern of nearby Lynn, Mass., have attended the event for four years and find Salem the ideal place to spend an October evening. "We love to walk up and down the streets and look at all the different costumes," says Belen, 33.

The festival also includes costume parties and balls, haunted houses and storytelling. All of the activities complement Salem's numerous witch-themed



A guide leads an educational and entertaining tour through one of Salem's historic cemeteries.

museums, historic homes and tour companies.

Salem hasn't always embraced its infamous past. As recently as the early 1980s, townspeople preferred to forget the witch trials that took place in 1692 when 20 innocent people were executed, and hundreds more falsely imprisoned.

"People just didn't talk about it," Michaud says.

Still, Michaud views Haunted Happenings not just as a Halloween celebration, but also as a vehicle to educate the public about what really happened during the witch hysteria. Not surprisingly, many of Salem's museums tell at least part of the story. At the Witch Dungeon Museum, for instance, actors re-create an actual trial, based on an original 1692 court document.

The events of the witch trials are not the sole item on Salem's Halloween resume. The town also is home to a number of dwellings purported to be haunted, including the Gardner-Pingree House, a 200-year-old mansion said to be inhabited by the spirit of a sea captain. And then there is the elegant Hawthorne Hotel, where some visitors claim to have shared their room with a ghostly guest.

For historian Jim McAllister, though, Salem is much more than a collection of ghosts and graveyards. "For hundreds of years we were one of the most important ports in the New World," he says.

In fact, a replica of a late 18th-century tall ship, *The Friendship*, bobs in Salem Harbor as a reminder of the town's seafaring past. Even *The Friendship* takes on a mystical air in October, as storytellers regale tourists on board the ship with tales of mystery and mayhem on the high seas.

One more happening that makes Salem eerily special, especially on Halloween. ✧

Sean Conneely is a writer in Red Feather Lakes, Colo.

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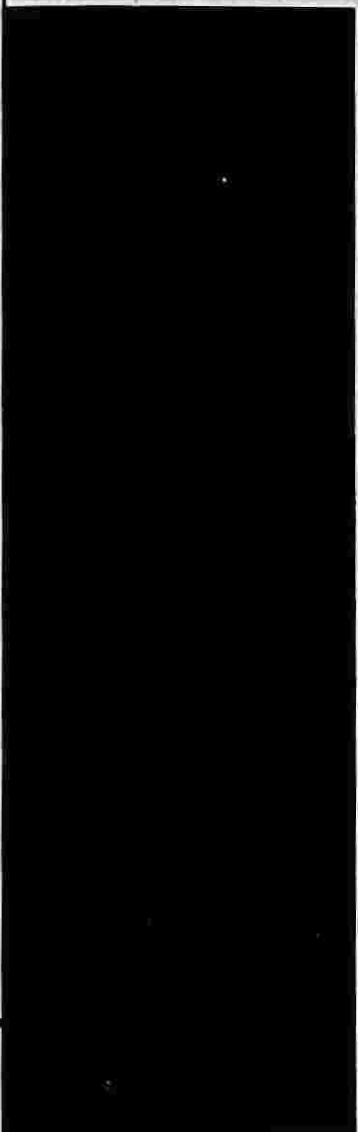


A police patch displays the city's witchy heritage.

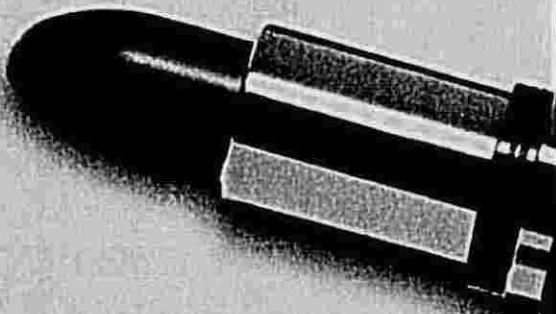


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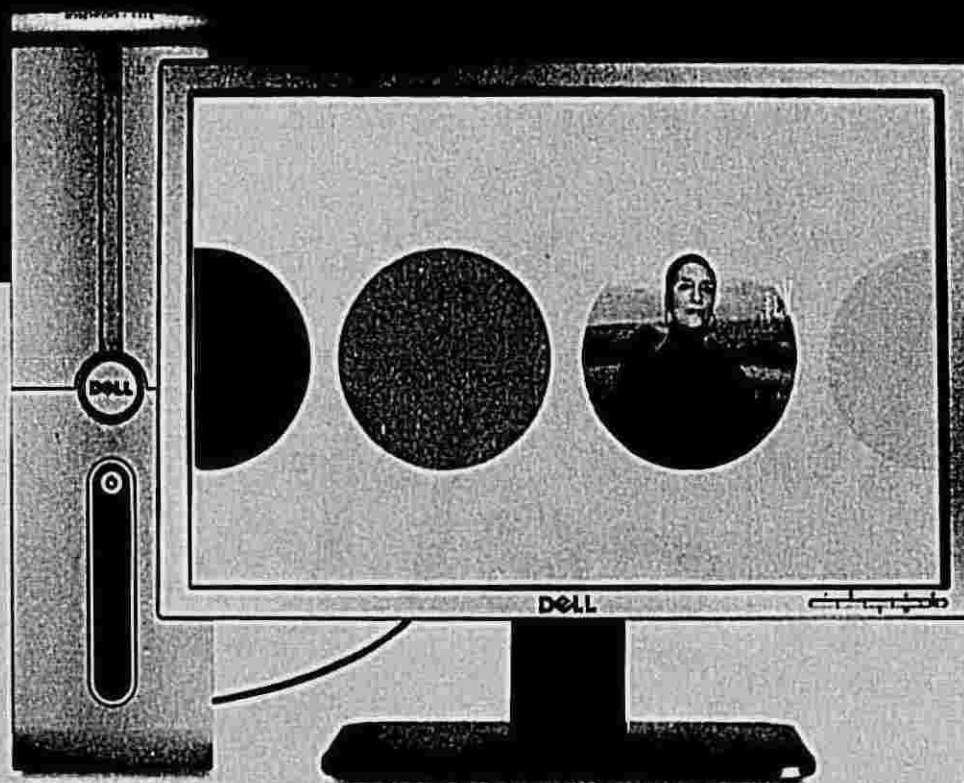
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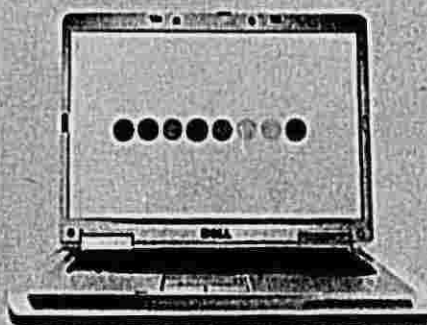
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